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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

IT is well known that there are many occasions in the life of the Church for which special services are desired; occasions for which no provision is made in the Book of Common Prayer.

These services are some of them of universally recognized value, such as the Laying of a Corner-stone, or the Dedication of a Hospital or Parish House. It has been customary for those having opportunity to use such services to compile them from the Prayer Book, and other sources. In this way there has gradually accumulated in the hands of the Bishops of the Church, and others, a large amount of material from which something approaching an approved form might in most cases be arranged. It is the purpose of this book to accomplish in some measure this end. The Editors are grateful to the Bishops, who have made most generous response to the request for aid, placing in their hands much valuable material. Among many to whom gratitude is due for assistance rendered in the editing of the book, one name is singled out for special mention here, that of the Rev. Doctor Huntington of New York, who has read the proof, and given the Grace Church services to be incorporated in the book.

It is recognized that there are dangers in this attempt. One is, that the publication of such a book would seem to imply infringe-

ment upon the privilege already canonically granted in a certain measure to individual Bishops. But such intention is far from the minds of the Editors. This book is *suggestive.* It is a recognition of a certain wholesome liturgical movement within the Church. And it is a recognition also of the fact that no book can press its suggestions on Diocesan usage; any more than it can force the hand of the General Convention in the formal adoption of new liturgical forms. The fact is that many of the occasions provided for in this book are parochial, and must be met by parish ministers; nor should any interpretation of a Bishop's liturgical privileges be used to limit the large liberty belonging to parish priests.

Another danger is the multiplication of forms of services that might better be quite free in character and largely extempore in their conduct. But here again the book's purpose is to be suggestive. In many cases the form will be an outline which individual circumstances must necessarily adapt to immediate needs. Moreover, the book seeks to observe moderation in the number of occasions for which it provides. It is doubtless possible to overdo in attempting to have a service for everything, and a form of benediction for every object within the range of experience. The real need is only for such occasions as are of deep significance, and for outlines that shall be suggestive in cases of generally accepted usage.

C. M. A.

Advent, 1904. J. W. S.

PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

In offering a Revised Edition of this book, after ten years and more, the Compilers can only reiterate, with growing conviction, what is written above. A careful revision has been made of the first edition, and material which we believe to be of real value added. We are grateful to users of the book for many words of approval, and for helpful suggestions, which have aided us in revision; and we trust that the new book will commend itself to old friends and make for itself new ones.

C. M. A.
J. W. S.

Advent, 1915

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of Sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A SHORT OFFICE OF PRAYER FOR SUNDRY OCCASIONS.

. . . .

¶ *This Office may be used at Noon-day Services, at Missionary Meetings, the Visitation of Families and Neighbourhoods, the Catechizing of Children in Churches or Schools; and in Public Worship at times other than those appointed for the Daily Morning and Evening Prayer.*

¶ *The Minister shall begin by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. *Psalm* lxxxiv. 1, 2.

O GOD, thou art my God, early will I seek thee. *Psalm* lxiii. 1. *Early Morning*

O LET me hear thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust. Show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee. *Psalm* cxliii. 8.

HOW excellent is thy mercy, O God, and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. *Psalm* xxxvi. 7. *Noon*

I WILL lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. *Psalm* iv. 9. *Night*

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof. *Psalm* l. 1. *Missions*

LIFT up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. St. *John* iv. 35.

TELL it out among the heathen that the Lord is King. *Psalm* xcvi. 10.

COME, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. *Psalm* xxxiv. 11. *Catechizing*

TRUST in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Prov.* iii. 5, 6.

WHERE two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them. *St. Matt.* xviii. 20.

¶ *Then the Minister and the People, kneeling down, shall say the Lord's Prayer, the Minister first pronouncing,*

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

Answer. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

Minister. Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
Minister. **Praise ye the Lord.**
Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

¶ *Then shall be said or sung a Psalm or Psalms.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson of Holy Scripture. And, after that, shall be sung a Hymn, an Anthem, or a Canticle.*

¶ *Then may be said the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe, etc.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. **Let us pray.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister. **O God, make clean our hearts within us.**
Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the day, together with such other Prayers as the Minister shall think fit.*

¶ *And after the Prayers, the Minister shall say,*

THE Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

OFFICE OF THE BEATITUDES.

. . . .

¶ *After a hymn or prayers, at his discretion, the Minister, turning to the People, shall rehearse the Beatitudes, the People kneeling.*

JESUS went up into a mountain; and his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Minister. Hear also what the Lord, the Risen Christ, saith: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

People. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Minister. Hear what the voice from heaven saith: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

People. Even so, saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.

Minister. Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

For Grace to Seek Spiritual Blessings.

O GOD, who hast made us for thyself; Incline our hearts unto thy testimonies, and turn away our eyes from beholdng vanity; and that we may be freed from the too great love of earthly things, knit our affections to things heavenly; through Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Wisdom.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. ***Amen.***

OFFICE OF COMPLINE.

. . . .

¶ *The Reader shall begin with the Versicle that followeth, both he and all the people kneeling; and after the second Response, silence shall be kept for a while until the Gloria Patri, when all shall stand.*

V. Turn us again, O Lord, and quicken us:
R. That thy people may rejoice in thee.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Cum invocarem. Psalm iv.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with

your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

In Te Domine, speravi. Psalm xxxi.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Qui habitat. Psalm xci.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Ecce Nunc. Psalm cxxxiv.

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Have mercy upon us, O God, and hearken unto our prayer.

The Chapter. Jer. xiv. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not, O Lord, our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 21. Te Lucis ante terminum.

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That with thy wonted favour, thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye.
R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
V. Into thy hands I commend my spirit.
R. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

Nunc Dimittis. St. Luke ii. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and may rest in peace.

All Kneeling.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

V. I will lay me down in peace.
R. And take my rest.

I believe in God, etc.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
R. Let us praise and exalt him for ever.
V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
R. Above all to be praised and glorified for ever.
V. The Almighty and merciful Lord, guard us and give us his blessing.
R. Amen.

¶ *Then is said the following confession:*

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, and by omission, through our fault, our own fault, our own grievous fault; wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

¶ *And those present shall say,*

ALMIGHTY GOD, have mercy upon us, and bring us to everlasting life. ***Amen.***

¶ *If a Priest be present he will add,*

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***
V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord,
R. That thy people may rejoice in thee.
V. Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord,
R. To keep us this night without sin.
V. O Lord, have mercy upon us,

R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee.
R. Have mercy upon me and hear me.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.
V. Bless we the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

A Form for Christmas, Easter, or Other Special Occasion.

. . . .

Hymn or Carol.

¶ *After the Hymn the Minister shall say the Sentence:*

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Christmas.

He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

Easter.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths.

General.

V. We wait for thy loving kindness,
R. In the midst of thy Holy Temple.
V. O give thanks unto the God of heaven;
R. For his mercy endureth forever.
V. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords;
R. For his mercy endureth forever.

Hymn or Carol.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

CONFIRM, O Lord, we pray thee, the hearts of thy children, and strengthen us with the power of thy grace; that we may

both be devout in prayer to thee, and sincere in love for each other; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shalt be, world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm.

¶ *Here the congregation being seated, the Minister shall read a brief passage from the Bible.*

Hymn or Carol.

The Instruction or Address.

¶ *Here the Offerings may be collected. And during the collection of the offerings, or at their presentation shall be sung a*

Hymn or Carol.

I believe, etc.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Here may follow the Collect for the day, and one or more of the following prayers at the discretion of the Minister.*

HEAVENLY Father, make us, we pray thee, such children as Jesus was, quick to obey, glad to be taught, and never afraid to speak the truth. May we hurt nobody by

word or deed, but all day long be good to others, as thou, dear Lord, hast been most kind to us. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, we are very weak and sinful. Make us sorry for all the wrong things that we have done, and help us to grow better every day. Keep us from all meanness and selfishness, and from hurting others by word or deed. Help us gladly to obey our parents and teachers, make us ready to give up our own way, and teach us to be patient and kind and loving to all about us. Make us painstaking and cheerful in doing every little duty. Give us courage to resist evil and hardness to endure. Help us to be more reverent and attentive in Church and Sunday School. May we be always pure and truthful in thought and word, and learn day by day to know thee better and to love thee more. Bless our Church and Sunday School, and all who belong to them, and bring us all into thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, we humbly beseech thee to direct our thoughts and prayers this day; purify our hearts from every evil and false imagination, and may no vain and worldly desires have their abode in us. Keep us from all wandering looks and ways, from an undevout mind, and careless prayers. Let the voice of thy love enter into our souls, that we may study thy word with reverence and holy fear, with fervour and delight. O God, thou seest us: help us to look up unto thee; for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace, etc.

Hymn or Carol.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS.

To be Used as Occasion May Require.

. . . .

For Christmas.

O GOD, of heavenly glory, source of earthly peace and good will; May our Christmas be merry, because it is touched with joy divine; may our remembrance of thy Christ's birthday be holy, because he is born in our hearts to-day, in his purity and love; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Easter.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us to show forth his praises, not only with our lips in his service, but in our lives, that we may ever more live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

For a National Festival.

OUR Father in heaven, make us true lovers of our Fatherland. Help us to keep the promise our country has made to the world. America has promised to be the home of freedom and brotherhood and justice for all. Enable us in our lives to keep this promise. In our happiness and in our strength put us in mind of the pleasures and the rights of others. Make us brave and truthful and fair. In our play and in our work keep our successes free

from boasting and conceit. And when we fail and are defeated, give us a higher courage and a stauncher strength. Help us to become noble and great-hearted citizens, an honor to our nation, and a spring of hope to our neighbours; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who by the gift of thine only begotten Son as a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, didst teach mankind the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Grant, we beseech thee, that thy children in the schools of thy church may so love and understand thy word that they shall rightly know and follow Him. Grant that all sponsors and teachers may so rule their own lives and so present thy truth that thy children may grow in grace and strength until they come unto thine everlasting kingdom. Pour thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, into the hearts of all fathers and mothers, that they may so know and fulfil their duties as parents that thy children may grow in knowledge and love of thee and of thy Son, Jesus Christ. To whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory world wthout end. *Amen.*

O GOD our Father, who didst send thy Son to save the whole world; We pray thee to bless all who work for Thee at home and in distant lands. Make us glad to help in thy work; so that all thy children everywhere may learn to know thy love and to share with us the joy that comes through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

A Service of Intercession for Missionary Day.

. . . .

Hymn 253.

¶ *After the Hymn the Minister shall say the Sentences*:

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, and called the world from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

This is the word of the Lord unto his people saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said by the whole congregation, with the Minister, the Confession, as follows*:

O MOST Merciful Father, we confess before thee, that we have done little to forward thy kingdom in the world, and to advance thy glory. We would humble ourselves before thee for our past neglects, and seek for mercy and forgiveness. Pardon our shortcomings. Give us greater zeal for thy glory. Make us more ready and more diligent, by our prayers, by our alms, and by our examples, to spread abroad the knowledge of thy truth and enlarge the boundaries of thy kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us, and may we do all to thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the minister shall say:*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn 261.

¶ *Then shall be read the Lesson: St. Luke x. 25-37 or Acts xvii. 16-31.*

Hymn 586 vs. 1, 4 and 7.

Address.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn 249. During the singing of the Hymn the Offerings may be collected, and presented at its close.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

V. Show thy servants thy work;
R. And their children thy glory.
V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast in Christ revealed thy glory unto all nations; Protect the works of thy mercy that thy Church may be spread throughout the world, and may abide with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the missions of thy Church at home and abroad, in the dark places of all continents, and in the islands of the sea;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For the Missionary Bishops of the Church, that they may be made strong and wise for leadership and faithful in service;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For all those sent forth in his Name to sojourn in distant lands, that they may bear witness to the Gospel of thy Son;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For the native ministries of many nations and tongues, elect of their own people to call their brethren to the knowledge of the truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For all workers for the cause of thy Christ, in crowded cities and lonely camps, in hospitals of mercy and schools of good learning;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For all those who sit in darkness, souls destitute of help, the unthankful and impure, and all evil doers who know not what they do, that the light of Thy love and righteousness may shine upon them;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For an increase of the spirit of sacrifice in those who give and those who labor, that all who serve in Christ's name may spend themselves cheerfully and unsparingly in his service;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

For the sons and daughters of thy Church throughout our land, that their hearts may be touched by the needs of thy scattered children, and that the wills of many of them may be stirred to give themselves to the service of thy Son in mission fields;

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

¶ *Then shall be said by the whole congregation with the Minister, this prayer, from the Book of Psalms, as follows:*

WE will magnify thee, O God, our King: and we will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will we give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.

As for us, we will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and we will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. *Amen.*

MOST Gracious God, who hast gathered into thy Church a great company out of all nations; Fulfil, we pray thee, what thou hast foretold by thy Holy Prophets, that all the ends of the world may remember themselves and be turned unto thee, and make all the kindreds of the nations to worship before thee; through the only Saviour of the world, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE Lord give you Light to guide you, Courage to support you, and Love to unite you, in all your work and worship done in his Name; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn 323.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Missionary Day.

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Hymn 374.

¶ *After the Hymn the Minister shall say the Sentence:*

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people.*

I believe, etc.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Minister. **Let us pray.**

Our Father, etc.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we call to remembrance thy loving kindness and thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and with grateful hearts we lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving. For the life thou hast given us, and the world in which we live;

We praise thee, O God.

For Prophets and Apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and gifted men and women;

We praise thee, O God.

For the desire and power to help others, for every opportunity of serving our generation according to thy will and manifesting the love of Christ to men;

We praise thee, O God.

For the work of thy Church in all the world, and for the raising up of things which were cast down and the making new of things which had grown old;

We praise thee, O God.

For the increase in the number of faithful ministers of thy Word, and for sending them forth among all nations of men;

We praise thee, O God.

For the zealous and devoted bands of native clergy in foreign lands, and for their boldness and fervor in preaching the Gospel of thy Son;

We praise thee, O God.

For the skill, patience and gentleness of physicians and nurses in the hospitals of thy Church throughout the world;

We praise thee, O God.

For the courage and devotion of Teachers and Catechists in schools of good learning at home and abroad;

We praise thee, O God.

For all helpers everywhere; for the wisdom and generosity of men and women, for the trustfulness and hope of little children;

We praise thee, O God.

V. Blessed be thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

R. And praised and glorified forever.

¶ *Then shall follow the Thanksgiving to be said by the whole congregation, after the Minister.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose compassions fail not, and whose loving kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give thee humble thanks for all the great things thou hast done and art doing for the children of men; for the opening of heathen lands to the light of thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; for knitting nation to nation in the bonds of fellowship; and for the planting of thy Church in all the earth. O merciful Father, in whom the whole family is named, fill full our hearts with grateful love for this thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve thee better and more perfectly to know thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *All standing, there shall then be read responsively, Psalm xxiv., as follows:*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord; and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him, even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of Glory: It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of Glory: Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn 249. During the singing of the Hymn the Offerings may be collected, and presented at its close.*

Address.

Hymn 542.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said one or more of the following prayers:*

ALMIGHTY God, who hearest the prayers of thy children for one another; Be graciously pleased to hear us as we plead in behalf of those, who by prayers, labors and gifts are helpers of our joy in the missionary work of thy Holy Church. Remember them for good, O Lord God; supply all their wants, temporal and spiritual; and grant to them a plentiful recompense. And, forasmuch as good-will and love are needful to the prosperity of the work, we beseech thee to inspire all thy children with such devotion that they may cheerfully aid in setting forward thy Kingdom among men; for his sake who laid down his life for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST gracious God, who hast gathered into thy Church a great company out of all nations; Fulfil, we pray thee, what thou hast foretold by thy Holy Prophets, that all the ends of the world should remember them-

selves and be turned unto thee, and make all the kindreds of the nations to worship before thee; through the only Saviour of the world, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 62.

AN OFFICE OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

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¶ *The Minister shall begin the Office by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.*

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, and called the world from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof. *Psalm* l. 1.

Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King. *Psalm* xcvi. 10.

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal. *John* iv. 35, 36.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal.* i. 11.

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 *Tim.* ii. 4.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. *John* i. 7.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah* xl. 3.

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. *Isaiah* vi. 8.

¶ *Then the Minister and the People kneeling down shall say the Lord's Prayer, the Minister first pronouncing,*

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

Answer. **Like as we do put our trust in thee.**

Minister. **Let us pray.**

Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

¶ *Here all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.***

Minister. **Praise ye the Lord.**

Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

¶ *Then shall be said or sung one of the following Psalms, with the Gloria Patri: Psalms ii., xlv., xlvi., lxvii., lxviii., lxxii., xcvi., cx., cxv., cxlv.; and after the Psalm a Lesson of Holy Scripture shall be read.*

¶ *The following portions of Holy Scripture are suggested as proper Lessons:*

Is. xlv. 20-25, lii. 7-10, lx. 1-5; Matt. ix. 35-38, xv. 29, xxviii. 16-20; Luke x. 25-37; John x. 1-18; Rom. x. 11-15; Col. i. 9-23; Rev. v. 6-14.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn, and after that the Minister and People may say together the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe, etc.

¶ *Then shall the Minister bid them to prayer, saying,*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. **And with thy spirit.**
Minister. **Let us pray.**
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister. **O God, make clean our hearts within us.**
Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the day, together with such Prayers as the Minister in his discretion shall think fit.*

¶ *And after the Prayers the Minister shall say,*

THE Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us, now and for evermore. ***Amen.***

GATHER together thine elect, O Saviour, from the four corners of heaven. Send forth thy ministers into all the world in the spirit and power of Elias, and bring in the fulness of the Gentiles. Quicken the dead in trespasses and sins; enlighten the ignorant; bring back the wandering; and as thou hast warned us that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night, grant us grace to be sober, and to watch always unto prayer, lest that day come upon us unawares; and evermore to live with our loins girded, as men who wait for their Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Fulfil thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands (*especially* —). Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Give them peace and sure confidence in thee. Pour out upon them abundantly thy Holy Spirit, and prosper mightily the work of their hands; send unto them, according to their need, faithful and true fellow labourers, and give them a rich increase here and a blessed reward hereafter, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

MIDDAY PRAYERS.

Intercession.

WE come unto thee, O Lord God, in behalf of the missions of thy Church, beseeching thee of thy great goodness to supply their present needs and prosper them in the time to come. (*Here mention special topics for intercession.*) We seek only thy honour and glory in making thy ways known upon earth, and lean upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, thy promise, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.
Our Father, etc.

MAY it please thee, O Heavenly Father, so to dispose the hearts of thy servants, that they may freely give of their substance for the increase of thy Kingdom and the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved; through thy mercies and merits who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Saviour, who at midday didst call thy servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles; We beseech thee, illumine the world with the radiance of thy glory, that all nations may come and worship thee, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FATHER of Mercies, who to thine Apostle Saint Peter didst reveal in threefold vision thy boundless compassion; Forgive, we pray thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and kindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with ready diligence labour in the extension of thy Kingdom; for his sake who gave himself for the life of the world, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ANOTHER OFFICE FOR MISSIONS.

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¶ *The office may begin by the singing of a Hymn, after which shall be said The Antiphon, as follows:*

Minister and People. The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, and called the world from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Minister. And he said, it is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Minister and People. The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken: From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles.

V. Show thy servants thy work;
R. And their children thy glory.
V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us;
R. As we do put our trust in Thee.
V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
R. But unto thy Name give the praise.

¶ *Then shall be said the following Cento from the Gospels.*

When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them,

Because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold:

Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplica-

tions and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hearest the prayers of thy servants for one another; Be graciously pleased to hear us as we plead in behalf of those, who by prayers, labours, and gifts, are helpers of our joy in the missionary work of thy Holy Church. Remember them for good, O Lord God; supply all their wants, temporal and spiritual; and grant to them a plentiful recompense. And, forasmuch as good-will and love are needful to the prosperity of the work, we beseech thee to inspire all thy people with such devotion that they may cheerfully aid in setting forward thy Kingdom among men; for his sake who laid down his life for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Fulfil thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands (especially —). Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Give them peace and sure confidence in thee. Pour out upon them abundantly thy Holy Spirit, and prosper mightily the work of their hands; send unto them, according to their need, faithful and true fellow-labourers, and give them a rich increase here and a blessed reward hereafter; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast in thy Holy Church committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation, to gather together a great flock in all parts of the world, to the eternal praise of thy Holy Name; We humbly beseech thee that thou wilt put it in the hearts of many faithful men to seek this sacred ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind; that so thy church may rejoice in a due supply of true and faithful pastors, and the bounds of thy blessed Kingdom may be enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given to thy dear Son the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession; Bless, we beseech thee, the missionary work of thy Holy Church in all parts of the world. Have pity upon the people who are still calling upon gods that cannot save, and so touch their hearts and waken their consciences and rule their wills, that they may turn to thee, the living God, who wouldest have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Raise up among them, we pray thee, prophets and teachers of their own blood, men full of wisdom and of the Holy Ghost. Gather in the souls destitute of help. Set free the prisoners of darkness. Visit with thy compassion the unthankful and impure. Forgive the evil-doers who know not what they do. And so assemble, according to thy promise, before the Throne and before the Lamb, all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues. All which we ask for the sake of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

¶ *Here shall follow such special intercessions as the Minister may appoint; after which shall be said by all present, after the Minister, the Thanksgiving, as follows:—*

ALMIGHTY God, whose compassions fail not, and whose loving kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give thee humble thanks for all the great things thou hast done and art doing for the children of men; for the opening of heathen lands to the light of thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; for knitting nation to nation in the bonds of fellowship; and for the planting of thy Church in all the earth. O merciful Father, in whom the whole family is named, fill full our hearts with grateful love for this thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve thee better and more perfectly to know thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; Forgive, we beseech thee, the impatience of our unbelief; make perfect that which is lacking in our faith; and, while we tarry thy fulfilment of the ancient promises, grant us to have a good hope because of thy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

AN OFFICE
For a Meeting in the Interests of SOCIAL SERVICE.

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¶ *After the singing of a Hymn, or Hymns, the Minister shall begin by reading the following Sentences:*

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

R. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

A Confession

¶ *Which may be said by the whole congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.*

MOST Merciful Father, we have done little to forward thy Kingdom in this world, to establish the brotherhood of men, and love as the law of life. We have suffered our own fortunes to blind us, or our pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to one of the least of thy brethren is done unto thee. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our past neglect. Give us a simple and a single heart intent on pleasing thee. Help us in all our seeking to seek first thy Kingdom and thy righteousness, that so we may be blessed with the full measure of thy blessing. And make us to come, as came thy

Son Jesus Christ, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.

R. For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Show us thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me.

R. For he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Lesson, the people still standing, and the Minister first pronouncing,*

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ saith, in the Sermon on the Mount.

THE LESSON.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

¶ *Then shall be sung, or said by Minister and People together, the Magnificat.*

¶ *And after that, the Prayers following, or such of them as the Minister may select, all kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and whose dominion endureth from generation to generation; Abase our pride and shatter our complacency. Open our eyes to see the vanity of this world's riches and renown; make us to understand that there is no wealth but life, that living men are thy glory, and our life the vision of thee. Keep us from being terrorized by wealth and influence, beguiled by pleas of custom and expediency, or distracted by the glamour of prosperity. Keep us securely in thy way of righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *To be said by the whole congregation, after the Minister.*

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens: and thy fathfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; how excellent is thy mercy, O God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foot of pride come against us: and let not the hand of the ungodly cast us down. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, who by thy Son, Jesus Christ hast bidden us seek first thy Kingdom and thy righteousness; Forgive, we humbly beseech thee, our miserable disorders, our injustice and hardness of heart; and grant that we may so feel within ourselves our common union one with another that we may abolish both destitution and inordinate riches and recreate our nation after thine own image, that there may be no complaining in our streets and that we may be a happy people because we have thee for our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, which do declare thy glory and show forth thy handiwork; Make us thy faithful messengers and ministers, that we may run the way of thy commandments and do the work thou hast given us to do, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, as becometh the children of the Highest. We pray for the emancipation of workers everywhere from the discordant service of Mammon, and for the sanctification of labour in every calling and handicraft; that so all things may be done in righteousness, in truth and in beauty, for thy obedience and for human wealth, in humble imitation of him who is the Master-Workman of us all, and who sometime was among us as one that serveth, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; Grant that every man according to the business which he hath un-

dertaken among the sons of men may know that he is thy servant therein, and whatsoever his hand findeth to do may do it in thy service and to thy glory; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the preservation of thy Church, and in the protection of all who put their sure trust in thee; Grant that the people of this land, which thou hast so blessed, may show forth their thanks and praise for thy mercies, by loving obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR A MEETING OF THE CLERGY.

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In the Name, etc.

The Psalm. 132 or 133.

The Chapter. John xvii.; Isa. vi.; or Ezek. xxxiii.

The Creed.

V. Take heed unto yourselves and to all the flock.

R. Over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.

V. Feed the Church of God.

R. Which he hath purchased with his own blood.

V. Stablish the thing, O Lord, that thou hast wrought in us.

R. For thy Temple's sake at Jerusalem.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us.

R. As we do put our trust in thee.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

O God, inasmuch as thou hast chosen us to be thy servants; Help us so to think and so to live, that through our life and mind thy being and purpose may be revealed to our fellow-men. *Amen.*

V. O Father, for the love of him who loved us unto the end, and that he, through our work, may see his desire for mankind fulfilled,

R. Sanctify us, we beseech thee.

V. For the sake of our families and friends, that our sins may not come between them

and thee, and that they through our faith may be made whole,

R. Sanctify us, we beseech thee.

V. For the sake of our race, weak and sinful, yet made in thy likeness, that they may put off the brute and put on the man, and that the gospel may go wherever the sunshine goes,

R. O God, save us from our selfishness.

V. For the love of our Fatherland, that righteousness may flow down in our midst like a mountain river, and that America may lead the world into thy peace,

R. Make us men after thine own heart, O God.

V. For the sake of thy Church, torn by strife, yet the very body and hope of our dear Lord,

R. Set us free, O Father, from vanity and fear.

V. For the reconciling of those whose doubts have led them far from thee, and that thou mayest have the joy of reclaiming thine own,

R. Make our minds clear and holy, we beseech thee, O God.

V. For the sake of our parishes and our people, that they may not be robbed, by our sin and our negligence, of their heritage from God.

R. Take our priesthood, O thou great High Priest, and make it like thine own.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, to us thy servants, such grace, that we may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee; and use the authority given us, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that, as wise and faithful servants,

giving to thy family their portion in due season, we may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Grost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, seeing that we have no confidence in anything but thy mercy; Do thou endue our mouths with power to proclaim thy truth, and sanctify our work with more abundant richness of grace, that thou mayest both save our unworthy selves, and justify in thy loving-kindness the flocks entrusted to us. Incline thine ear, O Lord, to our intercessions, and write us, and those who are committed to us, in thy Book; whereby, together with our flocks, we may be cleansed from all sin, and be enabled to attain to thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.

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¶ *The Minister shall begin the Office by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture:*

O LET me hear thy loving-kindness betimes the morning, for in thee is my trust. Show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee. *Psalm* cxliii. 8.

O thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. *Psalm* lxv. 2.

In the evening and the morning and at noonday will I pray, and that instantly, and thou shalt hear my voice. *Psalm* lv. 17.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever. *Psalm* cxlv. 2.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people. *Psalm* cxvi. 12, 14.

¶ *Then shall they say the Lord's Prayer, the Minister first pronouncing:*

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

Answer. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

O give thanks unto the God of heaven;
Answer. For his mercy endureth for ever.
Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord of Lords;
Answer. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung a Psalm or Psalms selected.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson of Holy Scripture. And, after that, shall be sung a Hymn, an Anthem, or a Canticle.*

¶ *Then may be said the Apostles' Creed,*

I believe, etc.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then may be said the Litany or else such of the prayers following it as may be selected.*

A LITANY.

Pardon, O Lord, our offenses, and the offenses of our forefathers. Thou hast shown us thy ways and we have forsaken thee; thou hast brought us to great honour, and we weary of thy service; yet spare us, good Lord, and all our nation, and give us grace and time for the amendment of our lives.
Spare us, good Lord.

From idleness and wandering thoughts, from feeble purpose and from low ideals, from wilful blindness to thy presence, and deafness to thy call,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From selfish love of money and of ease, from fear of discomfort and of pain, and from all sloth and cowardice,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From evil thoughts and conversation, from insincerity and dishonesty in word or work, from the temptations that most easily beset us, and from the sin of leading others into wrong,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From distrust, suspicion and contempt, from prejudice and want of sympathy with any of thy children, from all unholy strife, and from whatsoever in us hinders thy work on earth,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From depression, from over-anxiety for ourselves or for others, and from want of faith in thee and in thy hope for us, for our country and for all the world,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, and that it may please thee to bless the President of the United States, and all who bear authority in this land, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send thy grace upon all Ministers of thy word, and upon those committed to their charge, that they may grow in strength and purity, in faith and godliness,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend our land from war and pestilence, from the snares of

wealth, and the bitterness of poverty, and from sudden disaster and calamity,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen and sanctify all who bear rule in this place, that they may be fellow-workers with thy Holy Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us strength sufficient for this day's toil, to lend us courage in difficulty, guidance in perplexity, and a sense of thy love in our enjoyment and success,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to assist with thy grace those, and especially those of this School, who are labouring to draw all nations unto thee, and to build up thy Church in all the world,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show to each what work thou hast prepared for him to do, and that he may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit with thy blessing all who are near and dear to us, all who pray for us, and all who desire or need our prayers,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend us all with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us thank God for his favour and goodness towards us.

O GOD of Love, we yield thee thanks for whatsoever thou hast given us richly to enjoy, for health and vigour, for the love and

care of home, for joys of friendship, and for every good gift of happiness and strength thou sendest us through this our School. We praise thee for all thy servants here and elsewhere, who by their example and encouragement have helped us on our way, and for every vision of thyself which thou hast ever given us in sacrament or prayer; and we humbly beseech thee that all these thy benefits we may use in thy service and to the glory of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Satisfy us with thy mercy, O Lord, at the beginning of this day, that in fulness of joy all the day long we may walk before thee with a perfect heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart, and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the School.

O LORD God, who art the Giver of all wisdom, and dost will that thy children should be brought up in the fear and love of thy Holy Name; Pour down, we beseech thee, upon this School the dew of thy heavenly blessing, and grant that all who are members of it may grow in grace, and, departing from all ungodliness, may serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who art the only source of light and life; Send down upon this School the rich gifts of thy Good Spirit, that thy truth may be sincerely sought, faithfully received, and obediently followed. Endue its teachers with wisdom, zeal, and patience. Inspire its scholars with the spirit of truth, honour, and humility. May they day by day grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant to all in this house such a cheerful and forbearing spirit, such strength of body, clearness of mind, and purity of heart, that thy work may be heartily done and thy Name glorified. Let thy blessing rest upon us now and thy Spirit dwell in this place from generation to generation; through thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WATCH over our school, O Lord, as its years increase, and bless and guide her sons wherever they may be, keeping them ever unspotted from the world. Let their hearts be warm with the flame of their boyhood's ideals, their faith unshaken, their principles immovable. Be thou by their side when the dark hour shall come upon them; strengthen them when they stand, comfort and help them when they are weak-hearted, raise them up if they fall. Let the cross never grow dim to their eyes, but through the struggles and suffering that may attend their steps, let its radiance lead them heavenward, and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who has taught us, in thy holy word, that to know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, is everlast-

ing life; We humbly beseech thee to receive our prayers and supplications which we now offer unto thee for our schools and colleges throughout the land. Grant that they who teach and govern them may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may, also, have grace and strength to fulfil the same; and to those who are taught and trained, give thy gracious help, that they may acquire such knowledge as may fit them for the stations in life to which they may be called, and, above all things, may receive instruction of heavenly wisdom, and know the things that belong unto their peace. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Morning.

ALMIGHTY God, the Life and Light of men; We give thee humble thanks that thou hast refreshed us with rest and sleep and hast brought us to the beginning of another day. Keep us, we beseech thee, from all that may harm us and from all wrong-doing. Help us to go on our Christian way without stumbling and without stain. Make us afraid and ashamed to offend thee, and grant that we may ever know and love thee more and more. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace, that having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At Night.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day; We thank thee for wonderfully and patiently watching over us, and keeping us from all danger. Pardon all the sins and follies that thou hast seen in our lives. Permit us to go to our rest with trust in thee, our Heavenly Father, and in loving-kindness toward each other and all mankind, forgiving any who may have offended or injured us, as we hope to be forgiven. Visit our eyes in the morning with the light of another day, if it be thy holy will, and when all our days on earth are ended, gather us into the home where they go no more out, and into the world where there is no night; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all praise and thanksgiving now and for ever. ***Amen.***

For Stability.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Grant that we lay not the foundation of our faith upon the sand, where the stormy wind may overthrow it, but being established upon that rock which is Christ, may be safe from all tempests and steadfast under all distresses; through the same thine only Son our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Singleness of Heart.

O GOD, who hast made us for thyself; Incline our hearts unto thy testimonies, and turn away our eyes from beholding vanity; and that we may be freed from the too great love of earthly things, knit our affections to things heavenly; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Wisdom.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Strength.

O LORD God, giver of heavenly increase; Encourage in the hearts of us thy children every good intent, and carry us from strength to strength. Cleanse our consciences and stir our wills gladly to serve thee the living God. Leave no room in us for spiritual wickedness, no lurking-place for secret sins; and so establish and sanctify us by the power of thy holy Word, that evermore taking heed unto the thing that is right and speaking and doing the truth, we may find godliness our gain both in the life which now is, and in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Confession.

WE confess to thee, O God, Father Almighty, that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by our own grievous fault. We repent ourselves of these our transgressions; and we beseech thee to grant us forgiveness for the past, and grace to amend our lives in time to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Intercession.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful, this day, to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the labourers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and goodwill. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all those who labour in works of mercy and schools of good learning. Care for all aged persons and all little children; the sick and the afflicted; and those who travel by land or by sea. Remember all who by reason of weakness are over-tasked, or by reason of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee, and according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou them that are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Our Rulers.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness; We humbly beseech thee to bless thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, their counsellors, and all others in authority. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Our Country.

OUR Father in Heaven, make us true lovers of our Fatherland. Help us to keep the promise our country has made to the world. America has promised to be the home of freedom and brotherhood and justice for all. Enable us in our lives to keep this promise. In our happiness and in our strength put us in mind of the pleasures and the rights of others. Make us brave and truthful and fair. In our play and in our work keep our successes free from boasting and conceit. And when we fail and are defeated, give us a higher courage and a stauncher strength. Help us to become noble and great-hearted citizens, an honor to our Nation, and a spring of hope to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on Family Life.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so kindle charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Teachers.

MOST merciful God, who art the fountain of all grace; Grant, we beseech thee, to the teachers in this school thy gifts of wisdom, gentleness, and patience. May they find their work a joy, and count all labour light that is undertaken out of love for thee. Guard them from the temptation to a careless and half-hearted service. May the remembrance of the solemn duty which is theirs be always present with them. Bless their words to the good of the pupils committed to their care; and may thy Holy Spirit so enforce the teaching given by them that, at the last, the reward which thou hast promised those who turn many to righteousness shall be theirs; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

AN OFFICE OF COMMEMORATION.

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¶ *This office may begin with a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say,*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips,
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be said responsively the following Canticle.*

He that giveth his mind to the law of the most High and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies.

He will keep the sayings of the renowned men; and where subtil parables are, he will be also.

He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables.

When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour

out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer.

He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.

He shall shew forth that which he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.

Many shall commend his understanding; and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out; his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.

For they that keep holiness holily shall be judged holy; and they that have learned such things shall find what to answer.

Wherefore set your affection upon my words; desire them, and ye shall be instructed.

Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away; yea, she is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her.

She preventeth them that desire her, in making herself first known unto them.

Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travail: for he shall find her sitting at his doors.

To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom: and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care.

For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth herself favorably unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought.

For the very true beginning of her is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love;

And love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption;

And incorruption maketh us near unto God;

Therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom.

V. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

R. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

¶ *After which, the people still standing, shall be read the Lesson as follows; the Minister first pronouncing Hear the Lesson written in the Gospel according to St. John:*

I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

I believe, etc.

¶ *Then shall be said this Ascription of Praise:*

V. Thou art worthy, O Lord to receive power
And riches and wisdom and strength
And honour and glory and blessing.

R. We praise and magnify thee, O Lord.

V. Blessed be thy glorious Name,
That thy Word hath sounded forth,
Not only in Jerusalem and Antioch,
In Athens and in Rome,
But in every place the Faith of Christ
Is spread abroad.

R. All glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For thy good soldiers in every age
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end.
R. We bless and praise thy glorious Name.

V. For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,
The eloquence of prophets.
R. We bless and praise thy glorious Name.

V. For the love of pastors,
For the praise of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of thy Presence,
For all the marks of thy Cross.
R. We bless and praise thy glorious Name.
V. For the light of thy everlasting Gospel.
Sent to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people,
Shining so long amongst ourselves.
R. All glory be to thee, O Lord.
V. For thy gracious word of promise,
V. For thy Church, the pillar and ground of the Truth,
Against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.
R. All glory be to thee, O Lord.
That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever.
R. All glory be to thee, O Lord.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys

which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; especially thy servant, ————————; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O GOD of all the living, we thank thee for the happy memory of those whom thou hast called out of this transitory life into the eternal joy of thy presence. Thine they were upon the earth, as we are thine; and thine are they and we in differing experience still. Though our eyes cannot see them and our ears are deaf to their remembered voices, we bless thee that they are never absent from thy loving care. We thank thee for their lives of earthly service, for the happy days we spent in their companionship, the example of their faith and patience, the teaching of their words and deeds and for their share in heaven's new opportunities of service. We confess to thee our neglects and transgressions, our coldness

and misapprehension while they lived upon the earth, which we may no more confess to them. Our hearts have rest, knowing that thy love changeth not and that they see thy face with unobstructed vision. Help us so to live that they may welcome us with joy when thou shalt call us to thyself at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

O GOD, of unchangeable power and eternal light; Look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual Providence, carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

O THOU who hast ordered this wondrous world, who knowest all things in earth and heaven; So fill our hearts with trust in thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may without fear commit those who are dear to us to thy never-failing love for this life and the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

¶ *Then there shall be silence kept for a space.*

¶ *Then the Minister, standing up, shall say the Beatitudes of the Gospel,* (p. 4) *and the Choir and People, still kneeling, shall sing the Response.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy; Bow thine ear, we beseech thee, to our supplications, and in the heavenly city cause

us to be united with thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn 658.

The sermon.

¶ *Then the Minister shall add these prayers, after which he shall let them depart with the Blessing.*

ETERNAL and unchangeable God, in whom alone we find rest for our weariness and comfort for our sorrow, and from whom alone cometh all true joy; Keep our hearts, we beseech thee, ever fixed on thee through life and death, waiting patiently for that glorious day when we shall rejoice in the fulness of thy love for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of the Saints; Grant to our minds the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR A MEETING OF THE VESTRY.

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In the Name, etc.

Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, the giver of grace and strength; We beseech thee to bestow thy blessing upon us, who have been placed in positions of trust in thy holy Church. Give us a clear sense of our duty and lead us to a faithful discharge of the same. Grant us gentleness, forbearance, a right judgment and personal consecration, that by precept and example, as well as by our official actions, the temporal and spiritual good of thy Church may be enlarged. Especially direct us in our counsels by thy gracious Spirit, so that all things may be done to the glory of thy Name, and for the unity, peace, and prosperity of this parish. We ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to us thy servants to whom the affairs of this parish are committed, prudence, justice, and charity, that we may be of one mind and of one heart in the upbuilding of thy Church, and in the spread of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; And grant that they may both

perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, graciously behold this Parish. Bind together its members with cords of friendliness and sympathy. Give us the vision of our common duty to Church and State, and make us glad and strong in the doing of it. By all the memories of a great past, rouse us to hear the calls of the present. Grant wisdom, courage and patience to our leaders, and fill us all with the spirit of loving service, that whatsoever we do in word or deed may be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we offer this our prayer. *Amen.*

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In the Name, etc.
V. Show thy servants thy work.
R. And their children thy glory.
V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us;
R. As we do put our trust in thee.
V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
R. But unto thy name give the praise.
V. Lord, hear our prayer,
R. And let our cry come unto thee.
V. The Lord be with you,
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us pray.
Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then may be said such of the following Prayers as may be selected.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, who came to seek and to save that which is lost; We remember before thee in our intercessions, those of thy children who have strayed from thy fold, and are now wandering in ways of unbelief or worldliness or sin. We beseech thee, that thy spirit may strive with them, that thy love may constrain them, that thy grace may abound toward them, that so they may return to thee in penitence and new devotion, and to the fellowship of thy Church with fresh consecration of their lives to thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HOLY GHOST, the Comforter, Giver of life, Spirit of truth and holiness; Come and dwell in the hearts of thy servants, quickening them into newness of life, guiding them

into all truth and sanctifying them wholly by thy power; that being cleansed from every stain of sin, and delivered from all false doctrine and error, they may be living temples of thy holy presence, who with the Father and the Son, livest and reignest one God for evermore. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us to serve thee in this Guild, enable us so to carry out thy will and accomplish thy holy purposes, that we may be wholly thine, dependent on thee, strengthened by thee, and finding our reward solely in thee. Grant that in all our labours we may so strive after the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, as not to forfeit our own salvation. And grant that neither the splendour of anything that is great, nor the conceit of anything that is good, in us may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as thy erring and humble servants; but in all things may we resign ourselves contentedly to thy holy care and keeping. All which we ask through the merits of thy Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, convert unbelievers; grant repentance to sinners; succour the afflicted; give health to the sick; grace to the tempted; rest to the weary, and increase of love, unity, and peace to thy whole Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL Lord, the Comforter and Teacher of thy faithful people; Increase in thy Church the desires which thou hast given, and confirm the hearts of those who hope in thee by enabling them to understand the depth of thy promises; that all thine adopted sons may even now behold with the eye of faith, and patiently wait for, the light

which as yet thou dost not openly manifest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, gracious and merciful, full of compassion and of great kindness, we beseech thee of thy goodness to look upon the poor, the afflicted, the sick, the unhappy. Comfort them in their troubles with the sweetness of thy Holy Spirit, uphold them by thy sure promises, fill their souls with the knowledge of thy love, turn their sufferings into blessings, and for their affliction give them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; through thy dear Son, who for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast taught us to cast all our care on thee because thou carest for us; Bless, we beseech thee, our labours, our occupations, our worldly goods, that being free from all care and anxiety concerning the present life and setting our affection on things above, we may serve thee cheerfully and help our neighbours readily, to thy honour and glory; for the love of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father; Give us such a measure of thy grace that forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we may press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we offer and present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. Take us as we are and make us more fit for thy service. Use us for thyself and for the edification of thy Church. We are not our own, but thine, bought with a

price, therefore claim us as thy right, keep us as thy charge, use us as thou wilt and when thou wilt, to the glory of thy Holy Name and the good of our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we humbly beseech thee to bless this church and parish, and to further with thy continual help those who labour in it in thy fear and for thy glory; Grant them lowliness of spirit, steadfastness of faith, perseverance in all good works, and bring them at last to thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who didst send the seventy disciples before thy face into every city and place whither thou thyself wouldst come; Mercifully regard our labours in this parish, multiply unto us fellow helpers in the same, and so prosper the work of our hands upon us, that when thou comest again thou mayest find all things ready for thee; who livest and reignest ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst give the years of thy blessed ministry to the care of the suffering and needy upon earth; Put it into our hearts to serve thee according to thy perfect example and will. Bless this brotherhood to the work of thy Church. Strengthen us to do the things which we ought and to forbear the things which are against thy law; and because without thee the frailty of man cannot but err, do thou so mercifully guide and govern us that wherein we do amiss none may suffer harm, and wherein we do aright our works shall show their increase to the glory of thy name, whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost we worship ever, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord, etc.

AN OFFICE FOR CHAPTER MEETINGS IN THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

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OPENING SERVICE.

Hymn.
The Apostles' Creed.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we pray thee to grant thy blessing to the members of this Chapter, and all members of the Junior Department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, that being filled with faith and love, they may set forth thy glory not only with their lips, but in their lives, by giving up themselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BUSINESS.

1. Roll call for attendance.
2. Roll call for attendance at Church the previous Sunday.
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Reports.
5. General business.
6. Reading, discussion, etc.

CLOSING SERVICE.

Hymn.

Reading of the Rules of Prayer and Service by the Director, all standing.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY Father, grant us grace that what we profess with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and show forth in our lives, to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY MEETING.

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In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. We wait for thy loving-kindness.

R. In the midst of thy Holy Temple.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm cxxi. (The Psalm and Lesson may be varied.)

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Bear ye one another's burdens.

R. And so fulfil the law of Christ.

Hymn 410, "Blest are the pure in heart."

The Lesson.

Prov. xxxi. 10, 26, 30.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is above rubies. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

¶ *After which shall be said or sung the following:*

Magnificat.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

(*When members are admitted the service of admission may be said here.*)

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe, etc.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said, all kneeling:*

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.
V. O Lord, save thy servants and handmaidens;
R. Which put their trust in thee.
V. Send them help from thy holy place.
R. And evermore mightily defend them.
V. Make me a clean heart, O God.
R. And renew a right spirit within me.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the day, and the Collects for the Annunciation and for Michaelmas, or other appropriate Collects, to be followed by the Girls' Friendly Society Prayer, said by all together.*

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we beseech thee to bless us, and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. May its Members be sheltered and protected evermore by thy fatherly love; and to its Associates vouchsafe the help and guidance of thy Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves, but for others as members of one family in Christ, wash us from our sins in his precious blood, make us holy

by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR A MEETING OF THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS.

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¶ *The Office may begin with a Hymn, after which the Reader shall say,*

IN the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be read the following Psalm, or Psalm xxiii or xci, or any other selection from the Psalms, at the discretion of the Reader.*

Psalm xx.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee:

Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion:

Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice:

Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now I know that the Lord helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some

in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen and stand upright.

Save, Lord; and hear us, O King of Heaven: when we call upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read this, or some other Lesson from the Old or New Testament:*

St. Matthew xxv. 34.

THEN shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them: Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

¶ *After which shall be said or sung the following Hymn:*

Magnificat. St. Luke i. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe, etc.

¶ *And after that these Prayers following, the Minister first pronouncing,*

V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, save thy servants;
R. Who put their trust in thee.
V. Send them help from thy holy place;
R. And evermore mightily defend them.
V. Let the enemy have no advantage of them;
R. Nor the wicked approach to hurt them.

V. Be unto them, O Lord, a strong tower;
R. From the face of their enemy.
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the Day, and after that these Prayers following:*

The Guild Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst thy holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of thy Blessed Son in ministering to the sick and the suffering; Grant to us the same spirit of consolation, that by gentleness and love, in faithfulness and patience, we may serve thy afflicted children. Support us in our work; endue us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another; deliver us in temptation, and at last bring us to thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all absent members:

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow them, and make them continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the sick and dying:

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save them and help them, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all to whom we have ministered:

REMEMBER them, O Lord, for good, and grant that they may ever remain in thy watchful care. To those whom thou hast healed, give grateful hearts. To those whom

thou willest still to suffer give patience and relief. To those whom thou hast been pleased to take out of this world in thy faith and fear grant eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them. All these things we ask for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Reception of New Members and Associates, if there be any to be received.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Address.*

¶ *The Office shall close with a Hymn and the Collect for St. Barnabas' Day.*

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

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¶ *All Standing.*

I MUST work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

¶ *All Kneeling.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

LOVING Father, make us, and all members of our League, like the Holy Child Jesus, ministering children; loving, kind, and useful to others. Teach us to feel for the poor and suffering, and may we be ready to do what we can to help all who are in need; for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT CLOSE OF MEETING.

THE Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. By love serve one another. Little children, love one another.

Let us pray.

¶ *All Kneeling.*

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Note that this service may be used for any Children's Society.*

AN OFFICE OF DEVOTION FOR HOLY WEEK.

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The following Office, which is adapted from the "Tenebrae," is appropriate for use on the evenings of Wednesday in Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday. The Congregation kneels throughout, except for the Lessons.

Antiphon. The Zeal of thy house hath even eaten me.

Psalm lxix. Salvum me fac.

SAVE me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of my crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

I wept, and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.

I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me.

They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time.

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

They gave me gall to eat: and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness: thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

I will praise the Name of God with a song: and magnify it with thanksgiving.

This also shall please the Lord: better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

The humble shall consider this, and be glad: seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

For the Lord heareth the poor: and despiseth not his prisoners.

Let heaven and earth praise him: the sea, and all that moveth therein.

For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah: that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

Antiphon. The Zeal of thy house hath even eaten me, and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

V. Let them be turned back and put to shame.

R. That intend evil against me.

¶ *Here silence shall be observed for a space.*

A Lesson.

Lam. i. 1-14.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, be converted unto the Lord thy God.

V. On Mount Olivet he prayed to his Father, Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me;

R. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

V. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation;

R. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

V. My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me.

R. Ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone.

V. It is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

R. Ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone.

V. He hath no form nor comeliness that we should look upon him; nor beauty that we should desire him. He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions;

R. By his stripes we are healed.

V. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,

R. By his stripes we are healed.

Antiphon. Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause.

Psalm lxxiv. Ut quid, Deus?

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

O think upon thy congregation: whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.

Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance: and Mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy: which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations: and set up their banners for tokens.

He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees: was known to bring it to an excellent work.

But now they break down all the carved work thereof: with axes and hammers.

They have set fire upon thy holy places: and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc of them altogether: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

We see not our tokens; there is not one prophet more: no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour: how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name? for ever?

Why withdrawest thou thy hand: why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

For God is my King of old: the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himself.

Thou didst divide the sea through thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in pieces: and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks: thou driedst up mighty waters.

The day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked: and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look upon the covenant: for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

O let not the simple go away ashamed: but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

Antiphon. Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

¶ *Here silence shall be observed for a space.*

A Lesson.

From St. Augustine on Psalm lv.

"Hear my prayer, O God, and despise not my petition: attend to me and hear me." These are the words of a man in trouble, of one who is anxious, and afflicted. In his sore distress he prayeth: desiring to be rid of his affliction. But let us ascertain what this affliction is: and when told, acknowledge that we also suffer therefrom; that having joined with him in acknowledging the evil, we may join in his prayer. "I grieve," he saith," in mine exercise: and I am troubled." Wherein is he grieved? Wherein troubled? "In mine exercise," saith he. He hath mentioned the wicked whom he hath to endure: and this endurance of the wicked he calleth his exercise. Think not, therefore that the wicked are in this world without a purpose, and that God worketh no good out of them. Every wicked man liveth, either that he may himself be corrected, or that through him some good man may be exercised.

R. My friend betrayed me by the token of a kiss; Whom I shall kiss, that is he: hold him fast. That was the wicked token which he gave, who by a kiss accomplished murder.

Unhappy man, he relinquished the price of blood, and in the end hanged himself.

V. It had been good for that man if he had never been born.

R. Unhappy man, etc.

Would, therefore, that they who now exercise us, might be converted, and themselves be exercised with us; nevertheless, so long as they do exercise us, let us not hate them, since as regards a man's wickedness, we cannot tell whether he will persevere in it to the end. And often enough, while hating, as we think, an enemy, we are, without knowing it, hating a brother.

V. Judas, worst of traffickers, approached the Lord with a kiss: He like an innocent lamb refused not the kiss of Judas;

R. For a few pence he delivered Christ to the Jews.

V. It had been better for him if he had never been born.

R. For a few pence, etc.

"For I have seen iniquity and strife in the city." Mark the glory of the Cross. That Cross which his enemies insulted, is now set on the foreheads of kings. The event thus proved its power: for he vanquished the world, not by the sword, but by the Cross. To his enemies, that Cross was a thing to jeer at; standing before that Cross, they wagged their heads, and said: "If he is the Son of God, let him come down from his Cross." But he was stretching forth his hand to a rebellious and unbelieving people. For if that man is just that liveth by faith, he is unjust that hath no faith. Hence, by injustice, we must here understand want of faith. The Lord, therefore, saw injustice and rebellion in the City, and he stretched forth his hands to an unbelieving and rebellious people; and yet waiting even for them, he

said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

V. One of my disciples will this day betray me: woe to him by whom I am betrayed.

R. It had been better for him if he had not been born.

V. He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he it is that will deliver me into the hands of sinners.

R. It had been better, etc.

V. Verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed.

R. Good were it for that man if he had not been born.

V. He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he it is that betrayeth me.

R. Good were it for that man if he had not been born.

Antiphon. In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord.

Psalm lxxvii. Voce mea ad Dominum.

I WILL cry unto God with my voice: even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God: when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old: and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song: and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever: and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever: and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious: and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord: and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works: and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God as our God;

Thou art the God that doest wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people.

Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered: and thine arrows went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved, and shook withal.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters: and thy footsheps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like sheep: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Antiphon. In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: my soul refused comfort.

V. Arise, O Lord:
R. And judge my cause.

Our Father, etc.

A Lesson.

I. Cor. xi. 17-34

V. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb; yea, he opened not his mouth.

R. He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

V. Could ye not watch with me one hour?

R. See ye not Judas, how he sleepeth not, but maketh haste to betray me?

V. Why sleep ye? Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

R. See ye not Judas, how he sleepeth not, but maketh haste to betray me?

¶ *Here shall be said by Minister and people together the Miserere.*

Psalm li. Miserere mei, Deus.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

V. The traitor gave them a token, saying, He whom I shall kiss, that same is he, hold him fast.

R. Christ became obedient for us unto death.

V. They put over His head His accusation written: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

R. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross.

¶ *Here the Minister may close the office with the Collect for the day, or prayers at his discretion.*

SERVICES FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

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THE REPROACHES.

¶ *To be said or sung all kneeling.*

O My People, what have I done to thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer Me.

Because I brought thee out of the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Holy God; Holy and Mighty; Holy and Immortal; have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the wilderness forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Holy God, etc.

What could I have done more for thee that I have not done? I planted thee indeed My choicest vine, and thou hast turned Me into exceeding bitterness: thou gavest vinegar to quench My thirst, and piercedst with a lance the Side of thy Saviour.

Holy God, etc.

For thy sake scourged I Egypt with its first-born: and thou didst deliver Me to be scourged.

O My people, what have I done to thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer Me.

I brought thee out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea; and thou didst deliver Me to the Chief Priests.

O My people, etc.

I opened the sea before thee: and thou opened My Side with a spear.

O My people, etc.

I went before thee in a pillar of cloud: and thou leddest Me before Pilate's judgment-seat.

O My people, etc.

I fed thee with manna in the desert: and thou didst fall on Me with swords and staves.

O My people, etc.

I gave thee to drink of the Water of Salvation from the Rock: and thou gavest Me gall and vinegar.

O My people, etc.

For thee I smote the kings of the Canaanites: and thou didst smite My Head with a reed.

O My people, etc.

I gave thee a royal sceptre; and thou gavest My Head a crown of thorns.

O My people, etc.

I exalted thee to great honour; and thou didst lift Me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

O My people, etc.

Ant.—We venerate Thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify Thy Holy Resurrection: for, behold, through the wood joy has come to the whole world.

Minister. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

Ant.—We venerate, etc.

Minister and People.

Faithful Cross! of all earth's produce
Only rich and noble Tree!
No such flower, or leaf, or fruitage,
We in all the world can see.
Sweet to us thy Wood and Iron!
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee!

THE THREE-HOUR SERVICE.

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Hymn 105. (12.00 M.)

Introductory Address.

The Lord's Prayer.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God; Grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of our Lord's passion, that we, obtaining pardon through his precious Blood, may come with joy to the commemoration of that sacrifice by which thou hast been pleased to redeem us; through the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

JESUS, our Saviour, who gavest thy cheek to those who smote thee, and wast for our sakes filled full with reproach; Grant to us thy servants that, being instructed by the example of thy Passion, we may be fitted always to bear thy easy yoke, and learn of thee who art meek and lowly of heart. *Amen.*

¶ *To be said by Minister and people together.*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Hymn 101. (12.20 P. M.)

Address — The First Word.

O PATIENT Lord, who in thy bitter pains didst pray for those who persecuted and reviled thee, saying, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do, give us of thy spirit, that we may love our enemies, pray for them, and do good to them who do evil unto us, that at last we may not fail of thy forgiveness at the day of judgment. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for thine own mercies' sake. *Amen.*

O CHRIST, Son of God, whom God the Father gave up for all, when he received thee as a true Sacrifice for us; Receive the desires of thy people; save those whom thou hast redeemed; give life to those whom thou hast delivered; suffer not those to go into everlasting anguish, whom thou camest to redeem from perishing eternally; and grant that through thee, whom we believe to have been crucified for all, we may have remission of sins in this life, and everlasting joy in the life to come. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 1.

Meditation.

Hymn 394. (12.40 P. M.)

Address — The Second Word.

O LORD Jesus, full of grace and truth, who, being crucified between two thieves, didst promise to one of them, believing on thee, and confessing thee, the fruition of paradise; Look upon us with the eye of pity wherewith thou didst behold that repentant thief, pardon us freely, and grant us at last to hear thy blessed word, This day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for thine own mercies' sake. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absólved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all those who are under reproach and in misery. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy threats and promises; that they may neither cast away their confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty: and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which thy servants endure, may tend to setting free their souls from the chains of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU who are Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world; Have pity, we implore thee, on the work of thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour, and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of justice and truth. *Amen.*

O JESUS, Lamb of God, crucified for our sake, who gavest thy cheek to the smiters and thy temples to the thorns, and wast covered with reproaches, and didst suffer the torments of the cross; Grant us thy unworthy servants, that by the power of thy passion we

may be able to bear the light yoke laid upon us, and learning from thee how meek thou art and how great is thy love, may so share in thy sufferings that at thy hand we may obtain the crown of thy faithful followers, where thou reignest in thy glory, everlastingly. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 2.

Meditation.

Hymn 103 (1.00 P. M.)

Address—The Third Word.

O SYMPATHIZING Jesus, who amidst the agonies of the cross wast mindful of thine afflicted mother, commending her to the care of thy beloved disciple, saying, Woman, behold thy son; Give us grace to be a comfort to our parents in their sorrows, honouring and obeying them in the Lord, even as thou wert subject unto thy parents, thou divine Pattern of goodness in all things. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for thine own mercies' sake. *Amen.*

O ADORABLE Saviour of the world, whose advent was once proclaimed to the rich and poor by angels, who sang of peace on earth and good-will towards men; who didst take our human flesh, and didst dwell among men, and didst sanctify society by thy sweet and life-giving Presence; thou who hast promised to be with us even unto the end of the age; Regard our longings and desires to see thy Kingdom on the earth, who art King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Pardon, Good Lord, our misuse of thy grace, our feeble strivings, our blindness, our failures and shortcomings, our disloyalty to thee, our disobedience, our refusal of thy guidance,

and once more revive in us that love for humanity which thou didst exhibit in thine own Person, when on the Cross thou didst thirst for the bodies and souls of thy people. Endue us with that divine charity which moved thee to deliver up thy life for mankind. Mortify and kill all the vices that defile this nation and the whole society of men and women, and especially the love of money, idolatry of mammon, variance, strife, discord, selfishness, and whatever else is hindering the furtherance of thy Kingdom of righteousness, joy, and peace, and grant that even now the glory of thine ancient Church may be renewed, and men may be led by her example and persuasion to acknowledge thee to be the Saviour of all men, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the God of all goodness and grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; Fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee as may cast out all wrath and fear, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or suffer in obedience to thee; and grant that by thus loving, we may become daily more like unto thee and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL God, who alone makest men to be of one mind in an house; Help us, the members of this household, faithfully to fulfil our duties to thee and to each other. Put far from us all unkind thoughts, anger, and evil speaking. Give us tender hearts, full of affection and sympathy toward all. Grant us grace to feel the sorrows and trials of others as our own, and to bear patiently with their imperfections.. Preserve us from selfishness,

and grant that, day by day, walking in love, we may grow up into the likeness of thy blessed Son, and be found ready to meet him and to enter with him into that place which he has gone to prepare for us; for his sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O MOST loving Jesus, pattern of charity, who makest all the commandments of the law to consist in love toward God and toward man; Grant to us so to love thee with all our heart, with all our mind and all our soul and our neighbour for thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us; and fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness, and compassion, so that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow thee, who art thyself the true and perfect love, and who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 3.

Meditation.

Hymn 348. (1.20 P. M.)

Address — The Fourth Word.

GRANT, O Lord, that we, remembering the sufferings of the Divine Saviour, who bore our sins in his own body on the tree, and looking to him whom we have pierced, may mourn for our transgressions with unfeigned sorrow. Grant that we, being penitent, may crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, and may be constrained by the love of Christ to live to

his glory: that we may daily learn at his cross self-denial, patience, meekness, forgiveness, humility; so that, renouncing for his sake our own ease and interest, we may serve all those whom he condescends to call his brethren; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the weakness of our nature, we beseech thee give unto us thy servants whom thou hast suffered to be bereaved, such a measure of thy grace as shall enable us to bear our sorrow with humility and resignation to thy Divine will. Grant that no murmuring may find a place in our hearts and that we may not sorrow as those who have no hope. Let not our grief exceed the bounds of reason, but so temper it with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit that whatever we may want in outward consolation, we may find in the inward rest of perfect submission to thy holy will and in an unshaken trust in thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O CHRIST JESUS, pour thy grace upon us; grant us love, purity, lowliness, and patience in all trouble and distress; feed us with thy heavenly Bread; make us strong by thy suffering; make us to love thee with all our hearts, and so truly and without all deceit or guile to glory in thee, our only Saviour, that we may draw all our power and blessedness from thee alone, to whom be rendered all praise and thanksgiving in thy Church, and world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, who art a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in thee, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; Be now and evermore our defence and make us know and feel that there is none other Name under the heaven given to man, in whom and through

whom we may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 4.

Meditation.

Hymn 336. (1.40 P. M.)

Address — The Fifth Word.

O MOST merciful Lord, who healest the inward man by outward afflictions, and by troubles in this world dost prepare us for eternal joys in the world to come; By that cup of sorrow which thou didst drink for us, and by that weary path which thou didst tread, grant that we may willingly drink of thy cup, and cheerfully follow thee along the road where thou hast gone before; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost now reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL Jesus, who wast lifted up upon the Cross, that thou mightest draw all men unto thee; Have mercy upon thy sinful servants and draw them closer to thyself through the power of thy blessed Cross. O dear Redeemer, we are still too far from thee. We ask thee with all our hearts to draw us nearer. We would be drawn nearer to thee in faith, learning to know better the precious teaching of the Cross. We would be drawn nearer to thee in love, loving thee better for thine infinite

love to us.. We would be drawn nearer to thee in likeness, copying the pattern of thy perfect meekness and patience. Draw us, O merciful Saviour, lifted up from the earth upon the Cross, draw us with the strong cords of thy love; embrace us with the outstretched arms of thy compassion; and through all trials and temptations, in all times of weakness and of danger, keep us close to thee, and suffer us not to go from thee; for thine infinite mercies' sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, we have loved thee, but not enough, we have sought thee, but not diligently, we have seen but not perceived, we have heard but not understood, we have hoped for things heavenly but clung to things of earth, and our hearts have been far from thee, the Holy One. Draw them now in mercy unto thyself, O God, that the time to come be not as the past, but that finding, perceiving, understanding, and loving thee, we may have rest and joy undisturbed for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 5.

Meditation.

Hymn 606. (2.00 P. M.)

Address — The Sixth Word.

O ALMIGHTY God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of all the living, we thank thee for the happy memory of those whom thou hast called out of this transitory life into the eternal joy of thy presence. Thine they were upon the earth, as we are thine; and thine are they and we in differing experience still. Though our eyes cannot see them and our ears are deaf to their remembered voices, we bless thee that they are never absent from thy loving care. We thank thee for their lives of earthly service, for the happy days we spent in their companionship, the example of their faith and patience, the teaching of their words and deeds and for their share in heaven's new opportunities of service. We confess to thee our neglects and transgressions, our coldness and misapprehension while they lived upon the earth, which we may no more confess to them. Our hearts have rest, knowing that thy love changes not and that they see thy face with unobstructed vision. Help us so to live that they may welcome us with joy when thou shalt call us to thyself at last. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we thank thee for the good examples of all those thy servants who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 6.
Meditation.
Hymn 181. (2.20 P. M.)
Address — The Seventh Word.

O BLESSED Lord Jesus, who when thou wast pleased to die, didst bow thine head and commend thy spirit into the hands of thy Father; Grant that when the hour of our de-

parture shall come, we may be willing to leave this mortal life, and thou being present to our sight, and shining upon us with the light of thy countenance, we may joyfully commit our souls to thee, who art the Lord of Life, and hast the keys of death and hell. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for thine own mercies' sake. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O FATHER of mercies, whose beloved Son was, as on this day of the week, crucified for us, the just for the unjust, to bring us to thee; Give grace, we beseech thee to every member of this family to look in faith upon that Cross, and to crucify himself upon it to every impure desire and unchristian temper. May we learn in humble devotion to our Master's service, to deny ourselves daily, for his sake, and for one another's sake, that we may follow him. Remove from us every corrupt and unfaithful affection. May we never be afraid to do right and never dare to do wrong. And so, out of the good treasure of the heart may we be ever bringing forth good things to the praise and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU good and faithful Shepherd, who didst not leave thy sheep but didst die for them, and who, in order to save us thy people from eternal death, didst suffer every bitter pain of body and soul; Look mercifully upon us; leave us not to the punishments which our self-indulgence and wrong-doing deserve; continue thy loving-kindness to us; hide us under

the shadow of thy wings; put away from us anger, envying, and the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life. Give us more and more of thine own patience, gentleness, long-suffering, and humility; graciously accept our poor endeavours to draw near to thee and bring us to that everlasting day, where thou, O Christ, with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany Hymn 530. Part 7.

Meditation.

Hymn 544. (2.40 P. M.)

Prayers and Benediction.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we offer and present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee. Take us as we are and make us more fit for thy service. Use us for thyself and for the edification of thy Church. We are not our own, but thine, bought with a price; therefore claim us as thy right, keep us as thy charge and use us as thou wilt to the glory of thy holy Name and the good of our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; Forgive, we beseech thee, the impatience of our unbelief, make perfect that which is lacking in our faith, grant us a steady continuance in works of charity,

and, while we tarry the fulfilment of thy ancient promises, grant us to have a good hope because of thy sure word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son, to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 108.

Note. The singing of the Litany, Hymn 530, may be omitted if more time for the Silences be desired.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS.

O LAMB of God who takest away the sin of the world, our hearts are bowed in reverence and humility before the wonder of thy cross. Thou hast borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. With thy stripes we are healed, and the Lord hath laid on thee the iniquity of

us all. By thy temptation and obedience, the betrayal and forsaking, the scourge and piercing thorns, the cruel wounding of the nails, the taunts and burning thirst, the lingering anguish of the cross which thou hast willingly endured for our salvation, grant us thy pardon and thy peace. Through dying thou hast conquered death, and risen again that we may share thy life forevermore. Let thy glory shine amid the trials of the earth. Quicken our faith and make our love effective for thy service. Draw us to thyself in true repentance and unfeigned humility, and make our lives bear witness to thy love through all our years. *Amen.*

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, Healer and Comforter of man's sorrows, that not only those things which we have suffered in the body and the outward losses and pains of life may bless us; but also may the evil that we have done become to us the solemn gate through which, in penitence and sorrow having gone forth, in joy and rejoicing we may return. We beseech thee to make us wise that no dead past may have power to retain us long; give us not sackcloth and ashes, but help us to gain the height from which we never should have fallen; and in newness of heart and freshness of courage to do the things which we have hitherto left undone. Hear us of thy mercy. Make thy face clear to us in patience, and loving-kindness, and bring us through life and death into thy eternal peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR A HARVEST FESTIVAL

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HYMN.

The Sentences.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord. Psalm xcvi. 11, 12.

Jesus said, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John vi. 51.

Proper Psalms: Ps. viii.; Ps. lxv. or Ps. cxlvii.

Lessons:—Deut. xxvi. or Matt. vi. 19-33, or Acts xiv. 8-18.

¶ *After the Third Collect may be said the following Prayers:*

ALMIGHTY God, who fillest earth and air and sea and sky with thy Infinite Presence, but bringest chiefly thy thought to life in the house of prayer and the minds of men; Give us grace always to enter thy Church with awe, and so reverently to praise thee here, that hereafter we may with the angels praise thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Strength.

STRENGTHEN us, O Lord, by thy great might and succour us, that though we sow in tears we may reap in joy, and though we

bury the seed in weakness we may behold it raised in power. Comfort those in trouble; cheer the sad; turn the wicked from their evil way; and speedily bring thy people from the darkness of that which is earthly into the brightness of that which is heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Growth.

O LORD of the harvest, who makest thy grace to grow in our soul; Nourish, we pray thee, with thy quickening powers, the good grain in us and root out the tares: that by thy loving husbandry we may be fit for thy ingathering, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Beauty.

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good gifts, whose handiwork is lovely, kindle in our lives the true beauty of holiness, so that graceful by obedience and fair by loving-kindness, we may, through the ripening years, show forth more and more the likeness of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

FATHER in Heaven, we thank thee for all this world of thy providence, so fertile in wonders, so rich in beauty to every hungering sense of man. We thank thee for thy loving-kindness and thy tender mercy, while thou with equal care watchest over the sparrow's fall, and holdest all worlds in thine arms of never-ending love. We thank thee for the beauty which thou bringest forth in every stream of water, on every hillside, and that wherewith thou fringest the paths of men as

they pass to their daily work. We bless thee for the beauty which thou gatherest in the lily's fragrant cup, clothing it with a kinglier loveliness than Solomon in all his glory ever could put on. But we thank Thee still more that in a tenderer and lovelier and holier way thou revealest thy loving-kindness, and thy tenderness, and thy holiness to thy children. Thou hast endowed us with senses to receive the world of sight and sound, and to be fed and beautified therewith. Thou hast given us spiritual powers which lay hold of justice, and truth, and love, and faith in thee. Thou hast fed our souls with thyself. Lord, what shall we render to thee for the least of these thy mercies? We pray thee that we may live as blameless as the flowers of the field; that our lives within may be as fragrant, and without as fair, and that what is promise in our spring, what is blossom in our summer, may, in the harvest of heaven, bear fruit of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who out of the abundance of thy goodness pourest down thy gifts upon the children of men; Grant us, we beseech thee, so to use the fruits of the earth in this time present, that they may bring us on our way to the heavenly country; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast promised that, while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest shall not cease; Grant that, being nourished by thy bounty, we may be faithful in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the Office of Holy Communion, the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used:*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ hath left us under the forms of the fruits of the earth a memorial of his Passion; Grant us so to receive those holy mysteries that not only our bodies may be fed with these temporal fruits, for which we give thee thanks to-day, but also our souls with the heavenly food of his most blessed Body and Blood, which shall endure unto everlasting life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Cor. ix. 8.

AND God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: as it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower, doth minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

The Gospel. St. John vi. 27.

LABOUR not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

¶ *In the observance of a Harvest Festival the selections set forth in the Book of Common Prayer for the National Thanksgiving Day in November will be found appropriate or suggestive.*

OFFICE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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Hymn.

The Sentences.

The eternal God is thy dwelling-place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. xxxiii. 27.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, which was and which is and which is to come. Rev. iv. 8.

The Lord's Prayer.

Versicles and Responses.

Proper Psalms, one or more of the following: — cxxi., cxxvi., xcv., xci.

First Lesson. Jer. xxxi. 10-37.

Hymn. 626 or 335.

Second Lesson. Rev. xxi.

Hymn. 408 or 630.

The Creed and Prayers.

Hymn.

Address.

Hymn.

Silent Prayer.

¶ *During which interval the midnight hour is sounded.*

¶ *After the silence the Minister shall say the Prayers following.*

ALMIGHTY God, the unfailing Source of light and mercy, who hast brought us to the beginning of this year, and art sparing us to love thee and to keep thy commandments; Prepare us, we beseech thee, for the coming days. Let thy grace enlighten our darkness, and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and the humility they may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Deepen within our hearts the love of truth and goodness. Renew in us the life that alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to thee. Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto: still lead us by thy hand; still admonish and guide us by thy Spirit; and leave us not to ourselves, thou Good Shepherd of the Sheep. Let not our sin take from us the thought that we are thine. Let not the sorrow and weariness of life nor the darkness and mystery of the world rob us of our faith in thee. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship of those who trust and obey thee, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, with whom a thousand years are as one day, and who hast called us whose lives pass as a watch in the night unto thy service; grant that we may so do our work that it shall not need to be undone. Stay, we beseech thee, the fever in our hearts, and help up to walk in the light of thine own eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Salutation:

In God's Name, we wish you, one and all, a Happy New Year. May you be ready to receive all its gifts to you, and use them in his service and to his glory

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, after which shall be said the Collect following.*

O ALMIGHTY God, our refuge and strength; Keep us, we beseech thee, under thy watchful Providence during the coming year. Protect our country, guard our homes, and sanctify our lives. So guide our hearts, we pray thee, that we may use and not abuse the liberty wherewith thy Son Jesus Christ hath made us free. In times of prosperity kindle in us a spirit of grateful service, and in adversity endue us with courage, faith, and sympathy for others. May truth, purity, and charity dwell among us this year and from generation to generation. Hasten, Lord, we pray thee, the coming of thy Kingdom on this earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

¶ *The following hymns are suggested for use in this services*—441, 418, 423, 621, 470, 359. *For an anthem after the third collect to be sung kneeling, Hymn* 676. *For a closing Hymn,* 487.

¶ *The following prayers from the Prayer-Book may be used:—The Collect for Peace from Morning Prayer: The two Collects of the Ante-Communion Service: The Collect for the fourth Sunday after Easter: The fourth Sunday after Trinity: The prayer from the Visitation Office, "O God whose days are without end:" The General Thanksgiving.*

¶ *The service may be conveniently begun at eleven o'clock.*

OFFICE FOR A NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

. . . .

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Service by reading one or more of the following sentences of Scripture.*

THE Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; he shall bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. *Psalm* cxv. 12, 13.

O THAT men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. *Psalm* cvii. 21.

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 11.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and People say, all kneeling,*

Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *Here all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Anthem:*

Misericordias Domini.

MY song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. *Psalm* lxxxix. 1.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance. *Psalm* cxi. 4.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord: or show forth all his praise? *Psalm* cvi. 2.

The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. *Psalm* cxi. 2.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him. *Psalm* ciii. 10, 11.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Proper Psalms, one or more of the following, Pss. xlvi, lxxxv, xcix, cxviii, cxxv.

Lessons. Deut. xxxii. 1-31. Rom. iii. 1-10. or Josh. xxiv. 1.28. Matt. vi. 19-34.

I believe, etc.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you:

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, bless and preserve the United States.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Answer. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the preservation of thy Church, and in the protection of all who put their trust in thee; Grant that the people of this land, which thou hast so blessed, may show forth their thanks and praise for thy mercies, by loving obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Prayer for Our Civil Rulers.

O LORD our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant, THE PRESIDENT, and all in authority, executive, legislative, and judicial, in the United States;

and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Special Thanksgiving.

O GOD, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and whose glory is above the heavens, and who didst, as on this day, inspire and direct the hearts of our forefathers in laying the strong foundations of peace, liberty, and safety for our nation; We bless and adore thy glorious Majesty for this thy loving-kindness toward us. And we humbly pray that the devout sense of thy signal mercies to our land may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee, the Author of all good, and a spirit of true devotion to the welfare of our country. May we so improve thine inestimable blessings, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. This we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS.

(*To be used as occasion may require.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a wealthy place; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve

our unity. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in thy Name with the authority of governance, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep a place among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness; and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast taught us that sin is a reproach to any people; Make us to abhor our sins lest they cry unto thee for judgment, and to do righteousness, which only exalteth a nation. Grant unto our children, and unto their children, through all generations, the perpetual inheritance of thy Church and true religion, that iniquity may not be our ruin. So we that are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever; because not our merit, but thy mercy, not our own arm, but thy right hand and thy holy arm have gotten us this welfare. Wherefore, as for the manifold blessings of these past years, so especially for the knowledge of thy Holy Gospel, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory, we magnify thy name this day; and as in all Churches of the Saints in all the world, we render unto thee our worship and praise, who art one God, in Trinity, blessed for evermore, world without end. *Amen.*

G RANT, gracious God, unto our rulers and to all the people of this land, wisdom to perceive and know what things they ought to

do, and strength and power faithfully to perform the same; so that remembering the strict account we must give unto our Judge, we may not turn away thy favour by our sinful passions; nor, by our private interests, defeat thy gracious counsels toward us. And because we put our full trust only in thy mercy, be with us evermore, as thou wast with our fathers in the former days, so that all men may see that thou art our helper and deliverer; through Jesus Christ, who is our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on the Families of the Land.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so kindle charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Lincoln Day.

February 12th.

OUR Father in heaven, we remember before thee today, thy servant, Abraham Lincoln. Make us like him, true lovers of our Fatherland. Help us to keep the promise our country has made to the world. America has

promised to be the home of freedom and brotherhood and justice for all. Enable us in our lives to keep this promise. In our happiness and in our strength put us in mind of the pleasures and the rights of others. Make us brave and truthful and fair. Keep our successes free from boasting and conceit. And when we fail and are defeated, give us a higher courage and a stauncher strength. Help us to become noble and great-hearted citizens, an honor to our nation, and a spring of hope to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Washington's Birthday.

February 22d.

O GOD, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and whose glory is above the heavens; We bless thee for the great things that thou hast done and art doing for the children of men. We consider the days of old, the years of ancient times, and unto thee do we give thanks. Moreover, we yield thee most high praise for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all those thy children who have been the lights of the world in their several generations. For raising up thy servant George Washington, and giving him to be the leader and commander to the people; for vouchsafing to him victory over kings, and for bestowing upon him many excellent gifts; for inclining the hearts of men in Congress assembled to wise choices, and for granting them vision of the days to come; for a settled constitution, and for equal laws; for freedom to do the thing that is right, and liberty to say the truth; for the spread of knowledge everywhere among us, and for the preservation of the faith; we bless and magnify thy Holy

Name, humbly beseeching thee to accept this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For April 19th.

O LORD God of Hosts, in whose service obedience to the right is more acceptable than sacrifice, and whose truth doth set men free; We thank thee for the devotion of those whom we commemorate this day, who on the green at Lexington and by the bridge at Concord gave their lives for their country. Help us, we pray thee, to stand fast in the liberty which they secured for us, and in their spirit manfully to fight against whatsoever could bring us into bondage; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For April 30th.

O GOD, whose Name is excellent in all the earth and thy glory above the heavens; who on this day didst enable our forefathers to complete and perfect our national government by the inauguration of the first President of these United States; We bless and adore thy glorious Majesty for all thy loving-kindness manifested toward this land and people; and we humbly beseech thee to continue thy goodness to us, that the heritage which we have received may be preserved in our time and transmitted unimpaired to the generations to come; that all the nations of the earth may know that thou, O Lord, art our Saviour and mighty deliverer, and our King for ever. Grant this, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Memorial Day.

May 30th.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Ruler and Governor of all the nations of the earth, in whose hands are life and death, and in whose presence the dead are as the living; We give thee thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants who having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours, especially those whom we commemorate this day. Preserve, O Lord, we pray thee, the ideals for which they gave their lives. Grant that government of the people, by the people, and for the people may never perish from the earth. Put away from us all manner of slavery, whether of race or caste, deliver us out of the bondage of evil; and from the chain of our sins, let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us. Look, we beseech thee, upon the many peoples here dwelling under one government, and take away from us all hatred and prejudice and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord. Under all conditions of national difficulty, in all times of trial and contention, raise up again, we pray thee, as of old, wise and righteous leaders, and bring into glad obedience to them a united nation, strong to do thy will, in the knowledge and obedience of thy word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Independence Day.

July 4th.

ALMIGHTY God, who in all ages hast shown forth thy mighty power in overturning and ordering the nations of men for

the good of the Church, and for the establishment of the universal dominion of thy dear Son; Give unto us a right understanding, as of all thy providence, so especially for that thou hast given us this land for an heritage, and hast made us to be a people among the nations of the earth. And grant that the blessings for which we magnify thy glorious name this day may lead us to a holy obedience to thy laws, and a fervent love for all men, whom thy blessed Son hath redeemed. We ask it in his Name. *Amen.*

For Columbus Day.

October 12th.

O GOD, who givest vision and courage to thy servants to become discoverers and pioneers in thy Name, and who didst guide Christopher Columbus across the great seas; Bless this nation which our fathers founded on a new continent. For the love of that nation and of our race, and that we may quit ourselves like men within thy Holy Church, free us from vanity and self-seeking and fear. Make America a true democracy, a land where each man's right shall be every man's privilege. Make the divine Fatherhood our foundation, and human brotherhood our law, that so with high hopes tempered by charity, we may know our nation as thy family, and one family in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of War.

O GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and on earth; We beg thy mercy and favour for our country in this time of

need. We pray thee, O Lord, to be with our soldiers and sailors; grant success to their endeavours, and a speedy end to the war, that all may enjoy the blessings of justice and peace. Restrain the evil passions of men; give wisdom to our rulers; comfort the suffering and the bereaved; and overrule all things to the advancement of thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of Pestilence.

ALMIGHTY God, our Refuge and Strength in time of trouble; Give ear to our prayers in behalf of thy people who at this time are suffering under grievous sickness and mortality, and hide not thy face from them in this season of their distress. Remember them in mercy, not in wrath, and stretch forth thy mighty hand to stay this pestilence. Heal the sick, and deliver them not over unto death. Cover with the shield of thy protection all those who are exposed to danger. Strengthen the weakhearted; comfort the bereaved and desolate; and give to them that are sorrowful beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Bestow thy blessing upon those at home and abroad who minister to the relief of the afflicted. Sanctify this visitation to the good of this whole nation, humbling our hearts, binding us in sympathy one with another, and by thy grace making us a people serving God and working righteousness. So may we live to honour thy Name and extol thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In a Time of Civil Tumult.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, out of the manifold and great troubles, which, for our sins, have most justly come upon us; abate among us the overflowings of pride, assuage the bitterness of malice; appease the strifes and tumults which have arisen, and put an end to our grievous wars; let not our dissensions grow unto more ungodliness and blood-guiltiness, but bring us back to unity of aim and counsels; restore peace in our time, O merciful Lord, and cause us so to agree in endeavours to thy glory and the welfare of all this people, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments, and leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for thine infinite compassion toward us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

During Industrial Conflicts.

O JESUS, Prince of Peace, Lord of Justice and Order, and King of Love; Look down from thy throne and behold the sad conflict between man and man, now raging in our midst. Grant, O Lord, that right may be done, and that all violence, and treachery may be put away. By thy Spirit convince men that they are brethren, sons of one great Father. Let peace be brought about without any compromise of truth or justice; guide the counsels of those in authority on either side, and grant that all who endeavour to bring about reconciliation and settlement of disputes may earn the reward of the blessed peacemakers, whom thou hast called the children of God. Hear us, O Son of Man, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God. *Amen.*

National Penitence.

GOD of our fathers, we come before thee to make a solemn act of penitence on behalf of our nation. We have sinned with our fathers, we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. We confess with shame that we have sinned and deserve to be cut off in the midst of our prosperity. We have been ungrateful and faithless to the good God; we have failed to carry out his purposes for us; we have neglected our opportunities; we have behaved ourselves arrogantly; we have trusted in human aid and neglected prayer; we have hasted to get rich; we have been regardless of our poor; we have turned a deaf ear to the warnings of God's prophets. But thou, O God, hatest nothing that thou hast made. We turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying; we desire to amend our ways; guide us, O God, into all truth, show us thy mercy and grant us thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

National Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, we praise thee, humbly and reverently, for all that thou art or ever hast been to this nation. We render our thanks that thou hast chosen us to fulfil so great a purpose in the world, and we confess that we have fallen far short of thy glory. We thank thee for all our material prosperity and for our great Republic, beseeching thee to give us grace to use our opportunities for the furtherance of thy honour among those nations who know thee not. Above all else we thank thee that thou hast brought us to the knowledge of thy dear Son, our Lord, and hast given us the means of knowing and possessing the manifold gifts of grace which thou dost provide for men through him. We thank thee for all the holy men and women who have served thee faithfully in their gen-

eration amongst us, and who have shone as lights in the world for our example. We thank thee for the inventions and discoveries of art and science and for all the treasures which thou hast put at the disposal of mankind. Pardon us for all our misuse of thy gifts and help us to live in the sincere spirit of dependence upon thee for all things, seeking thy Kingdom and righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the event of there being a celebration of the Holy Communion, the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be used:*

The Collect; to be used instead of that for the Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the wonderful preservation of thy Church, and in the protection of every nation and people professing thy holy and eternal truth, and putting their sure trust in thee; We yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for all thy public mercies, and more especially for that signal and wonderful manifestation of thy providence, which we commemorate this day; wherefore not unto us, but unto thy Name be ascribed all honour and glory, in all Churches of the saints, from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Phil. iv. 4.

REJOICE in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men: The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. And

the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The Gospel. St. John viii. 31.

THEN said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

OFFICE OF TE DEUM FOR JULY FOURTH.

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¶ *The Clergy and Choir having taken their usual places quietly, one of the clergy shall begin the Office as follows:—*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy Spirit.**

Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

Minister. **O Lord, open thou our lips.**

Answer. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

¶ *Here all standing up, the Minister shall say.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister. **Praise ye the Lord.**

Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm cxv. · *Non Nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise: for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say: Where is now their God?

As for our God he is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold: even the works of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears and hear not: noses have they and smell not.

They have hands and handle not; feet have they, and walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them: and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their succour and defence.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord: both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's: the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord: from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be formed the Procession, the Minister and his assistants leading, followed by the Choir and the other Clergy present, singing a proper hymn, as Hymn* 418 *or* 496.

¶ *When the south and middle alleys have been covered (or if preferred, the north alley and middle alley again may be added), let the Procession make a Station before the Rood, or Entrance to the Choir, when one of the singers shall begin the Antiphon:—*

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,

All. Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, who hast vouchsafed to take to thee this nation by wonders and by wars, by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; Make us to know therefore this day and consider it in our hearts, that thou, the Lord, art God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath, and that there is no God else, beside thee. Make us to keep thy statutes and thy commandments which thou hast commanded us, that it may go well with us, and with our children after us, and that thou mayest prolong the days of this People upon the earth, which thou, the Lord our God givest us. Make manifest, O Everlasting God, in this and in all the nations, the revelation of thy Eternal Son, Jesus Christ, for the obedience of faith. Ever send forth thy Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and to keep this nation faithful to thee. Establish thy Kingdom throughout this land for ever, and make known among us by thy Church, the manifold wisdom of our God, so that we may ever be a people obeying and loving thy Holy Name; through thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, while the Procession enters the Choir and Sanctuary, shall be sung Hymn* 196, *after which, the Minister standing before the Altar, shall be sung the*

Te Deum.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy Spirit.
Minister. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
Answer. From this time forth forevermore.

Let us pray.

(*All standing.*)

O ALMIGHTY God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand; We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for this happy day, and for all thy mercies unto this land, which we now commemorate, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve thy great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our country, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. Give unto us a spirit of true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

(*The Congregation kneeling.*)

OFFICE FOR A NATIONAL FAST.

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¶ *The Minister may begin by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture:*

DOUBTLESS thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. *Isaiah* lxiii. 16.

RETURN for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name. *Isaiah* lxiii. 17-19.

AN evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet. *Matt.* xii. 39.

YE search the Scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me; and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. *John* v. 39.

JESUS came, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel. *Mark* i. 14, 15.

¶ Proper Psalms:—One of more of the following: Psalms iii., vii., xii., lvi., lxxiii., lxxiv., lxxvii., cii.

¶ Lessons:—Dan. ix. 3-19, Matt. xxiii. 16-22, 29-39, or Micah vi., Matt. xxv. 14-30.

¶ *After the Prayer for the President, the Minister and people shall say together Psalms cxlii, cxliii, and after that the Penitential Office, beginning with the versicles which follow the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *The following hymns are appropriate for these offices*: 201, 198, 199, 187, 196, 418, 496.

OFFICE FOR THE LAYING OF A CORNER-STONE.

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¶ *The Bishop (if he be present), with the Clergy, shall go to the place where the Stone is to be laid, and as they go they shall say alternately one or both of the following Psalms: or else some proper Hymn shall be sung.*

Domine, quis habitabit.

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

Lætatus sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment: even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Clergy and People being assembled about the place where the Stone is to be laid, the Bishop, or one appointed by him, shall say,*

Bishop. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.

Answer. For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

Bishop. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne.

Answer. And unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Bishop. Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them.

Answer. And they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

¶ *Then shall the Bishop and all the people say the Lord's Prayer, the Bishop first pronouncing,*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, etc.

Bishop. Behold! I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious.

Answer. And he that believeth in him shall not be confounded.

Bishop. The same Stone which the builders refused.

Answer. Is become the head-stone of the corner.

Bishop. This is the Lord's doing.

Answer. And it is marvellous in our eyes.

Bishop. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Then may the Bishop say as follows; or else pass immediately to the Creed.*

BRETHREN, we are assembled to begin the building of a house which is to be set apart to the honour and service of Almighty God, in the name of Christ our Lord. Hearken therefore, and consider what our Saviour Christ saith of himself.

V. I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

V. I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

R. Amen. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn* 291.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe, etc.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who fashionest the hearts of men and understandest all their works; We give thee humble thanks that thou hast moved thy servants to begin upon this spot the building of a House of Prayer. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking, and grant them good success unto the end. Thou didst of old time inspire with wisdom those who wrought for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem, and we believe that thou hast not forsaken the generation of thy children. Give patience, skill, and courage to all those whose hands are busy with this work. Direct the thoughts and guide the wills of the highest and humblest among them. May they love the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Mercifully protect from harm the workmen here employed, and keep them in all their ways. Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they shall perish but thou remainest; from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Stablish and make sure the foundation of the spiritual house, and hasten the day when the whole building fitly framed together shall grow into an holy temple acceptable to thee: all which we ask through the merits and mediation of him who is himself the Chief Cornerstone, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall mention be made of the devices carved on the Stone, and of the articles to be deposited within it.*

¶ *Then the Bishop shall say,*

Except the Lord build the house.
R. Their labour is but lost that build it.
V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. From this time forth for evermore.

¶ *Then the Bishop, assisted by the Builders, shall lay the Stone in its place, and, striking it three times with a trowel, shall say,*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I LAY the Corner-stone of a building to be named—— and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God in accordance with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, that here true faith with the fear of God and brotherly love may forever flourish and abound: and that this place may be a House of Prayer for all time to come. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn; after which there shall follow the Address.*

¶ *Here may be sung, if so ordered, one of the following Anthems.*

JACOB rose up early in the morning and set up the stone for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it and vowed a vow unto the Lord. Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not.

AND when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the order of David, king of Israel. And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, saying, For he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel.

¶ *Then may be said one or more of these Prayers following, the Bishop, or some one appointed by him, first pronouncing,*

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

R. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head Corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, without whom our labour is but lost, and with whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty; We humbly beseech thee to prosper all works in thy Church undertaken according to thy holy will, especially that to which we have this day set our hands, granting to thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, nor any house that we build, but who hearest the prayer of thy little ones; Help us to know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his Person; the Chief Corner-stone hewn without hands from the rock; the immutable foundation; Bless and strengthen, we beseech thee, this stone which we have laid in thy Holy Name, and do thou, the Giver of all good gifts, the Beginning and the End of all things visible and invisible, be unto this our work the beginning and the increase and the ending, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop let them depart with this Blessing.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

AN OFFICE FOR THE OPENING OF A CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.

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¶ *This Service is to be used for a Building which cannot be consecrated on account of debt or other just impediment.*

¶ *After the singing of a Hymn, the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who dost vouchsafe to have thy dwelling upon earth in houses built for the worship of thy Name, though the heavens and earth cannot contain thee; We beseech thee that, mindful of the work and labour of all thy Saints, thou wouldest visit this place erected to thy glory. Cleanse it, by thy grace, from all defilements, and ever keep it pure and without spot; and as thou didst crown the pious desires of David thy servant in the work of Solomon his son, so do thou of thy great goodness fulfil our mind in driving hence all spiritual wickedness; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, whom the heavens and earth cannot contain, yet who disdainest not to meet with thy people in

temples dedicated to thy worship; We pray thee to bless and hallow this building for sacred uses; accept the gifts of thy servants who have contributed thereto of their substance; prosper and perfect our work; and grant that this Church may be a spiritual home for thy people, where they may be trained for thy service in this world and in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said the Litany.*

¶ *After the last Suffrage, "That it may please thee to give us true repentance," the Minister shall stand up and say the Proper Suffrage, as followeth:*

That it may please thee to cleanse and bless this Church and Altar to thine honour in the name of N.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *And the Proper Suffrage being said, the Minister shall kneel again until the Lord's Prayer is done, when he shall stand and say,*

MAY thy loving mercy, O Lord, ever prevent us, and, having respect to the prayers of the people, may thy gracious compassion outstrip our petitions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God; We beseech thee of thine infinite mercy that thou wouldest now come to this house. Do thou bless, as we also are come hither to bless. And grant that the host of evil may be put to flight and the Angel of peace may find here his resting-place; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said alternately by the Minister and People or else shall be sung (all standing) one or more of the following Psalms, with the Gloria Patri after each.*

Psalm cxxi. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm lxxxiv. *Quam dilecta.*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of Gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

¶ *Then the Minister, standing before the Holy Table, shall say* (*all the people kneeling*),

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost sanctify places set apart to the glory of thy Name; Pour down thy grace upon this house of prayer; that all they who in this place make their supplications unto thee, may obtain thy merciful aid and protection; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung an Hymn or Anthem, after which the Minister shall let the People depart with the Benediction, or else the Holy Communion shall be celebrated.*

¶ *A Church thus blessed, whether by a Priest or by a Bishop in person, must nevertheless be duly consecrated when that shall become possible.*

OFFICE FOR DEDICATION OF A PARISH HOUSE.

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After the singing of the selected Hymns, the Minister shall say,

V. Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.

R. Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it.

V. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O, prosper thou our handiwork.

R. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Our Father, etc.

Prayers of Benediction.

O MOST gracious God, the Giver of all good gifts; We beseech thee to send thy Holy Spirit, and bless and sanctify this house which is to be used for thy glory and the advancement of the prosperity of thy kingdom. Bless, we beseech thee, all those who shall at any time assemble within these walls; be with them in their going out and their coming in, in their studies and recreations, in the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts, that they may be always acceptable in thy sight, and that all things may be done to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to appropriate and devote this house to thy honour and service; and grant

that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness, by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Rector.

ALMIGHTY Lord, who hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church; Vouchsafe to thy servant, the rector of this parish, the abundance of thy grace. Strengthen him daily for his holy work, and give us grace to receive his ministrations with a devout, obedient and thankful spirit, to uphold him with our sympathy, and to do whatsoever lieth in us to remove from his mind all worldly care and anxiety. May we so labour with him in the furtherance of thy Kingdom that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, there shall be none lost of the flock which thou hast given him. Grant this, O Lord, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Parish.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this Parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and make all to be of one mind and heart within thy Holy Church; to the honour and glory of thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast promised that they who seek thy heavenly wisdom shall surely find it, and find it more precious than all the treasures of this world; Grant, we be-

seech thee, thy favour and blessing to the children of this parish who shall assemble within these walls. May they be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; may they choose and love thy way and depart from it no more for ever: and may they learn to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dedication of a Choir Room.

O GOD, by whose holy inspiration thy servant David, once a shepherd lad, was moved with his whole heart to sing unto thee songs of praise; Grant, we beseech thee, that they who in this place shall lift their voices in supplication or thanksgiving. may do so with such sincerity of purpose that their lives shall be filled full with melody, to the glory of thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Church.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which are agreeable to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be sung a Hymn; and after such Collects as may be selected, the Minister shall let the People depart with this Blessing:*

GRACE, mercy and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR DEDICATION OF A RECTORY OR OTHER DWELLING.

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At the Entrance.

IN the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Peace be to this house and to all who shall dwell in it. *Amen.*

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast mercifully promised to hear the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; We beseech thee graciously to bless this House which we dedicate to thy honour and service, and make it the abode of purity and peace and truth. Watch over thy servants in their going out and their coming in, and direct their footsteps ever in the way of thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Hall.

Psalm ci.

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

O let me have understanding: in the way of godliness!

When wilt thou come unto me: I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness: there shall no such cleave unto me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour: him will I destroy.

Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land: that they may dwell with me.

Whoso leadeth a godly life: he shall be my servant.

There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land: that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

V. Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed,
R. Do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.
V. Be kindly affectioned one to another,
R. In honour preferring one another.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to make those who dwell in this place of one heart and of one soul, that knit together in true fellowship here on earth they may finally attain to the company of thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *And then, the People being assembled in the most convenient place, shall be said one or both of the following Psalms:*

Psalm xci.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Psalm cxxviii.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

¶ *Then shall be read one of the following as a Proper Lesson.*

St. Matt. vii. 21-27. St. Luke xix. 1-10, Col, iii. 12-iv. 1.

¶ *After the Lesson shall be said the Apostles' Creed, and, after that, such of the prayers following as may be selected; the Minister first pronouncing,*

V. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
R. They shall prosper that love thee.
V. Peace be within thy walls.
R. And plenteousness within thy palaces.
V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

O God who art the Father of all the families of the earth, and who dost promise to thy faithful children that they shall enjoy peaceable habitations and sure resting-places; Be pleased, we humbly beseech Thee, to bless with thy presence this new abode and from a house make it into a home. May thy constant benediction rest on all the life that shall here be lived. Across this threshold may good angels come and go. Beside this hearth, may Faith, Hope and Love be guests. Beneath this rooftree may the Son of Peace find welcome. We know that on this earth we have but a tem-

porary foot-hold. Mercifully grant that by the experience of our transitory dwelling-place we may be made ready for the Eternal City and for our house which is from heaven. The children of a common family, we ask it in the name of the elder brother Christ. *Amen.*

O MOST gracious God, our Heavenly Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, who givest all good gifts unto thy children; We beseech thee in behalf of this house, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and hallow it with thy continual presence. May health and sanctity, purity, and humility, gentleness and obedience, the keeping of thy laws and thanksgiving to thee, ever abide within these walls. Bless those who shall at any time occupy this house. Bless them in their going out and in their coming in, in their duties and studies and recreations; in their food and rest, in their rising up and lying down: and grant that the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts may be always acceptable in thy sight. Comfort them, O Lord, in sickness, sustain them in the inevitable sorrows of this transitory life, be with them in the hour of death and in the day of judgment. May angels of light here abide henceforth to guard this dwelling and its inhabitants from all evil; through our Elder Brother, thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For a Rectory.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, vouchsafe we beseech thee, to bless and hallow this house; Grant that here, true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love may dwell, and that this house may be set apart as the dwelling of those who shall minister at the altar of thy Church, and to the honour of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, we pray thee, all who have contributed of their substance to this House which we dedicate to thy service, and those in whose memory offerings have been made. Remember them for good; hear their prayers, and fulfil their desires; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, we pray thee, all who have laboured in the building and adorning of this place; and grant them to be builded as living stones in thy spiritual Temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REMEMBER, O Lord, we pray thee, our Fathers who have fallen asleep; Grant them the fulness of thy peace in Paradise; a merciful judgment in the last great Day; and for all their labours and sufferings in thy service, an abundant recompense in thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking; guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the presence of his Holy Angels, abide in this place for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *In case a Hymn is sung at the close of this Office, or before the Apostles' Creed, one of the following may be selected:* 445, 638, 648, 669, 672, 679.

OFFICE FOR DEDICATION OF A SCHOOL, ORPHANAGE, HOME, OR OTHER INSTITUTION.

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¶ *The preceding Office may be used, with the insertion of such of the following Prayers as may be appropriate.*

For a School.

O LORD, give thy blessing to parents and teachers, and to all who have the care and the training of the young. Endue them with wisdom and patience, with kindness and love. May the children under their care be so trained up in the way they should go that when they are old they will not depart from it. Behold with thy blessing and favour all our schools and seminaries of learning. May they be instrumental in promoting righteousness and truth, and may knowledge and happiness and peace and undefiled religion be spread and increased throughout our land. These things and whatever else thou shalt see to be good for us, for this School and for all mankind, we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who hast taught us, in thy holy Word, that to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, is everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee to receive our prayers and supplications which we now offer unto thee for our schools and colleges throughout this land. Grant that they who teach and govern in them may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may also have grace and strength to fulfil the same. And to those who are taught and trained, give thy gracious help, that they may acquire such

knowledge as may fit them for the stations in life to which they may be called, and above all things, may receive instruction of heavenly wisdom and know the things that belong unto their peace. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; Look, we beseech thee, with thy special favour on this School, and enrich it with all temporal and spiritual good to the great increase of its usefulness. Inspire those who teach and who administer the government and discipline with the spirit of wisdom and a right judgment. Incline all under their instruction and guidance to obedience and diligence in study; show them their faults, that they may correct them; endue them with innocency of life; increase in them true religion; help them now and always to honour thee in their lives and conduct. Be graciously near those who have gone out from us to keep them in all their ways; and make all of us steadfast in every good work to the perfection of body and soul unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Home.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, send thy blessing upon all the inmates of this Home; give to the workers therein the spirit of obedience, patience, and love. Look down with thine eyes of mercy on all who come here to dwell. Bless the means used for their relief. Help the distressed, comfort the sorrowful; give them strength to bear their burdens and a constant trust in thy mercy and goodness. May love rule in the household and harmony mark all its life. May all the work done here be for thy glory and for the good of thy children; through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, behold this family here assembled. We thank Thee for this house in which we dwell and work; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives a joy; for our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers in this place. Let peace abound in our company and purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offences. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others. For our sins forgiven or prevented, for our shame unpublished, w bless and thank Thee, O God. Deliver us from fear and favour, from mean hopes and from cheap pleasures. Have mercy on each in his deficiency and let him be not cast down. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Help us to play the man, to perform the petty round of irritating concerns and duties with laughter and kind faces. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loving and loyal one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOOD Shepherd, who dost care most lovingly for the sheep of thy pasture; Look down in love and mercy upon all members of

this household. May thy comforting grace be given abundantly to thine aged servants. May the children and youth be guarded from temptation and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit. Vouchsafe to all who dwell beneath this roof, wisdom to perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also grace and power to fulfil the same, to the honor of thy Name, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who art ever ready to hear our prayers; We commend to thy love and protection all the inmates of this Home. Whether from advancing age, the failure of health, the stress of poverty, the loss of friends, or from any of the other vicissitudes of life they have sought a shelter here, grant that they may find an abundance of blessings. Give them a contented spirit, that they may never murmur at their lot. Fill them with gratitude toward thee and toward the friends thou hast raised up for them. Visit them with thy good spirit and sustain them with joy and peace. Guide and guard them to the end of their days, and finally welcome them to thy heavenly Kingdom. Bless all the benefactors of this Home who give their prayers and their money to its support; and remember them with thy everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, the inmates of this Home, and inspire each of them with the Spirit of humility, gentleness, kindness, obedience, and thanksgiving unto thee; and may the fulness of thy benediction ever rest upon this place, that all who shall dwell therein may themselves be temples of the Holy Ghost; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, this Asylum, and all who dwell in it. As thou wast pleased to bless the house of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, so grant that within these walls may ever dwell the angel of thy presence, and that those who dwell together in it, of whatever age or station, may receive the abundant dew of thy heavenly blessing, and through thy tenderness rejoice in peace and quiet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who alone dost guide and govern the minds and hearts of thy children; Answer, we beseech thee, the doubts and uncertainties of our hearts; direct our minds toward true ideals; tell us what thou wouldest have us do; teach us the way in which thou wouldest have us serve thee and our fellow men, that we may consecrate our lives to noble purposes and fill our years with usefulness and power. Give us patience and faith in the little duties of life, and humility and strength in the greater responsibilities. Grant that in the way thou wouldest have us go, we may glorify thy holy Name and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE day is gone, and we give thanks, O Lord. Evening is at hand; make it bright unto us. As the day has its evening, so also has life. O Lord, make the evening of life bright unto thy servant. Cast *him* not away in the time of age; forsake *him* not when *his* strength faileth *him*. Abide with *him*, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent of this fretful life. Let thy strength be made perfect in *his* weakness. Day is fled and gone; life too is going. Night cometh;

and death cometh also. Near as is the end of day, so too the end of life. We beseech of thee, O Lord, bless to thy servant *his* closing days. Make them pure, and peaceful, and sinless, and if it please thee, painless. Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant, spirit, soul and body. Thou didst make, and thou didst redeem *him*. Guard *his* lying down, and *his* rising up, from henceforth even for ever. Let *him* remember thee on *his* bed, and search out *his* spirit. Let *him* wake up, and be present with thee. We ask all in the Name of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

For One Kept From Church.

O HEAVENLY Father, we pray for a blessing upon thy servant, hindered by infirmity from going up to the house of prayer. Thine eyes are in every place. Thine ear is open unto every prayer that is offered in spirit and in truth. O be with thy servant in *his* home, and may *he* find thy presence ever near to *him*. Thou hast cut off from *him* the privilege of worshipping with *his* brethren in the congregation. Give *him* much joy and comfort in the prayer of the secret closet. And so bless and guide *him*, O merciful Father, that, when the poor, imperfect worship of this world is no more, *he* may join for ever in the glorious and perfect worship of the heavenly chorus; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For One Shut In.

O LORD God, who makest all things work together for good, and who hast been pleased to withdraw thy servant from many occupations and pleasures which others

enjoy; Grant that *he* may the more find *his* happiness in peaceful rest and communion with thee, and fill *his* heart with sweet thoughts of the good things prepared for them that love Him, so that others seeing *his* content and cheerfulness, may "take note of *him* that *he* has been with Jesus." And thus by *his* weakness, the Son of God shall be glorified. Be very near to *him*, O Lord, through this life, and bring *him* at last to that land where there shall be no more pain, for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Saviour. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR DEDICATION OF A HOSPITAL.

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In the Administration Room and Corridors.

¶ *The Bishop shall say,*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Peace be to this house and to all who shall dwell in it.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
R. Henceforth, world without end.
V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;
R. And his mercy endureth for ever.
V. Who only doeth great wonders;
R. For his mercy endureth for ever.
V. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him.
R. He also will hear their cry and will help them.

¶ *Then may the Bishop say the Comfortable Word, as followeth:*

HEAR this comfortable word written for our learning in the Book of Wisdom:

THE righteous live for ever more; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who art the Author of Life, of health and safety; Look down with the eyes of thy mercy, and hallow with thy presence this our Hospital; that so through thy grace we may promote the glory of God and the spiritual and temporal welfare of men. Preserve us from doubt and impatience, from discouragement and discord, and from all the devices of the powers of darkness. And grant that the Good Physician may here minister at every pillow, and touch with healing hand every sick and suffering soul; that so grace and salvation may abide within these walls for ever. All which we beg for the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord Jesus Christ, to the trustees and officers of this Hospital, wisdom, prudence, and grace to order and direct its affairs in accordance with thy will. Bless the physicians and the nurses, and all members of this household, that they may duly execute their several duties in thy fear and love, and seek only thy honour and glory, who didst take our infirmities and bear our sicknesses, healing all suffering humanity with thy most precious Blood, who now livest and reignest, in the unity of the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 300.

The Nurses' House.

¶ *Upon crossing the threshold, the Bishop shall say,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall dwell in it.

¶ *When the Bishop and all that are with him have entered, then shall be said as follows:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
R. Henceforth, world without end.
V. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High;
R. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
V. Thou, Lord, art my hope;
R. Thou hast set my house of defence very high.
V. Whatsoever ye do in word or deed;
R. Do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.
V. Be kindly affectioned one to another;
R. In honour preferring one another.
V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast mercifully promised to hear the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; We beseech thee graciously to bless this house which we dedicate to thy honour and service, and for the use of those who minister to thy sick. Make it the abode of purity, peace and truth. Watch over thy servants in their going out and their coming in. Give them the spirit of consolation, of gentleness and love, of faithfulness and patience; and direct their footsteps ever in the way of thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 588.

Men's Ward.

¶ *Upon crossing the threshold, the Bishop shall say,*

PEACE be to this House, and to all who shall dwell in it.

¶ *When the Bishop and all that are with him shall have entered, then shall be said as follows:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

R. Henceforth, world without end.

V. O, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness.

R. And declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.

V. They cried unto the Lord in their trouble;

R. And he delivered them out of their distress.

V. He sent his word and healed them;

R. And they were saved from their destruction.

V. He healeth those that are broken in heart;

R. And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

¶ *Then may the Bishop say the Comfortable Word as followeth:*

HEAR the comfortable word spoken unto us by the holy Apostle St. Peter.

BELOVED, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but

rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BLESS, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place which is set apart for the comfort of thy sick and suffering servants. Present to them the gifts of thy power, and grant that not only in their bodies, but also in their souls, they may experience thy healing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 274.

Dining-room and Kitchen.

¶ *Upon crossing the threshold, the Bishop shall say,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall dwell in it.

¶ *When the Bishop and all that are with him shall have entered, then shall be said as follows:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
R. Henceforth, world without end.
V. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord.
R. And thou givest them their meat in due season.
V. Thou openest thine hand;
R. And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
V. He maketh peace in thy borders;
R. And filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who givest us richly all things to enjoy; Bless, we pray thee, this room and all like rooms in this house, and also all who shall here partake of thy provision of meat and drink, that with temperance, cheerful sobriety, and grateful hearts, they may share thy bounty, and in all things, by word and act, do all to the glory of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 417.

Women's Ward.

¶ *Upon crossing the threshold, the Bishop shall say,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall dwell in it.

¶ *When the Bishop and all that are with him shall have entered, then shall be said as follows:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

R. Henceforth, world without end.

V. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;

R. Long-suffering and of great kindness.

V. He hath not dealt with us after our sins;

R. Nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

V. The merciful goodness of the Lord, endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him;

R. And his righteousness upon our children's children.

¶ *Then may the Bishop say the Comfortable Word as followeth:*

HEAR this comfortable word spoken unto us by the holy Apostle Saint Paul:

WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

V. The Lord be with you;

R. And with thy spirit:

Let us pray.

BLESS and hallow with thy presence, O merciful Lord, this place in which thy suffering servants shall rest. We beseech thee

to have mercy upon all who suffer here, and grant that they may take their sickness patiently, and may recover their bodily health, if it be thy gracious will, and that whensoever their soul shall depart from the body it may without spot, be presented unto thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No. 272.*

Children's Ward.

¶ *Upon crossing the threshold, the Bishop shall say,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all who shall dwell in it.

¶ *When the Bishop and all that are with him shall have entered, then shall be said as follows:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Except the Lord build the house;
R. Their labour is but lost that build it;
V. Except the Lord keep the city,
R. The watchman waketh but in vain.
V. He shall give his angels charge over thee;
R. To keep thee in all thy ways.
V. Be ye followers of God, as dear children;
R. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.

¶ *Then may the Bishop say the Comfortable Word as followeth:*

HEAR this comfortable word spoken by our Saviour Christ:

PEACE I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast taught us that angels beholding thy face, protect thy children upon earth; We beseech thee to hallow and bless with the presence of thy guardian angels this place which is set apart for sick and suffering children. May they strengthen and comfort the little ones in their pain and weakness. Grant them relief, if it please thee, and in thine own good time carry their souls into the land of the living, where the light of thy countenance shineth for ever. Grant this, we beseech thee, for the sake of thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 649.

Closing Prayers.

¶ *Returning to the Central Corridor, the Bishop shall say,*

V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
R. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

MOST gracious God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works; We give thee humble thanks for thy great goodness that thou dost permit us to dedicate to thee this day this Hospital. Establish it with thy blessing, prosper it by thy grace, guide with thy counsel all who shall have control of its affairs, comfort and bless all who shall enjoy its benefits, through all generations, to the glory of thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop let the people depart with this Blessing:*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commend you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow Hymn No.* 304.

¶ *Any of the following Prayers may be selected and inserted in the foregoing Office, at the discretion of the Minister.*

HAVE compassion, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon all those whose hearts are touched with sorrow, whose spirits are troubled or cast down within them. Remember those, O Lord, on whom the burdens of this life weigh heavily, and mercifully grant that henceforth within these walls the ministry of comfort may be ever blessed both to the body and the soul, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we walking in the way of the cross may find it none other than the way of life and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, Jesus Christ, who art the Great Physician; Preserve and aid and guide all earthly physicians, and especially those who minister to the sick in this and other hospitals, and prosper the remedies which their skill employs. *Amen.*

GRANT to all nurses and others who minister healing and comfort to the sick and suffering, thy protection in the way of duty, and also strength and patience, and tenderness, and charity for men for love of thee, that they may faithfully serve thee in this office. *Amen.*

GRANT to the friends and benefactors of this and other hospitals for the sick, that what they do and give may, both in spirit and in act, be acceptable to thee, and be made profitable to the ends which they desire. And to thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONSECRATION OF A CEMETERY.

¶ *The Bishop and Clergy, with the Choristers, shall be received at the entrance of the ground by the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen, with the Instrument of Donation, and the Request of Consecrate, which shall then be read.*

¶ *Then the Bishop and the others going within the ground, and there halting, the Bishop shall say,*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, ever living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who hast promised to grant the requests of those who are gathered together in thy Name; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, that the place whereon we stand may be holy ground, separated from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses. Accept this offering at our hands, and vouchsafe so to bless it, as shall tend most to thy glory, and the comfort of thy people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, we worship and glorify, as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then while a circuit is made by the Bishop and others about the ground to be consecrated, shall be said or sung this Processional.*

Psalm xc. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

O teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of

our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handiwork.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

¶ *Then, the procession halting, shall be read this Lesson.*

Genesis xxiii. 13.

I PRAY thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession, in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. And the field and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham, for a possession of a burying-place, by the sons of Heth.

¶ *Then, the procession again moving, shall be said as follows:*

IF a man live many years, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no

burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?

All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

For out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

There is no man who hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit:

Neither hath he power in the day of death.

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them: even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

¶ *The procession again halting, this Lesson shall be read:*

St. John xix. 38.

AND after this, Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden: and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was

never man yet laid. There they laid Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst move the patriarch Abraham to provide a possession of a burying-place, and didst hallow the sepulchre of Joseph of Arimathaea; Make this ground, we beseech thee, to be a field which the Lord hath blessed, that it may be a sure possession, and a quiet resting-place until the trumpet shall sound and the dead arise. All which we beg for his sake, who lay down in the grave and arose again for us, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, while a Cross is set up for a memorial of the Atonement, and to mark the place as a Christian Cemetery, may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Then the Bishop shall say,*

In the Name of the Father, etc.

I CONSECRATE this ground, by the name of ——, for the use of the Church in her appointed Office for the Burial of the Dead; and I devote and hallow the same for ever, for this use and for no other, under my Canonical authority, and that of my successors in this Episcopate, according to the good order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Sentence of Consecration may be read.*

¶ *Then a Hymn, or Anthem, may be sung and an Address made.*

¶ *Then shall be said this Prayer, followed by the Benediction.*

O GOD, to whom all things do live; Mercifully look upon the souls of the faithful departed and grant that they may be purified from all stain of sin, and entering thy rest, may pass from glory to glory till they come to the full light of the Beatific Vision, to which, we beseech thee to bring us also; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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In the Name, etc.
V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
R. From this time forth for evermore.
V. Lord hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and Everlasting God, who, although heaven and earth cannot contain thee, yet condescendest to have habitations upon earth, where we may continually call upon thy Name; Visit, we beseech thee, this place with thy wonderful loving-kindness, cleanse it by thy grace from all pollution, and ever keep it pure; and as thou didst accept the devotion of thy servant Solomon, so vouchsafe to grant thy blessing upon this present work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O BLESSED Lord God, who hast commanded every man to offer unto thee of thine own gifts, according to the purpose of his heart, and who dost abundantly requite them from thine eternal bounty; Accept, we beseech thee, this offering now made unto thee by thy servant; remember him concerning this and grant that it may be stored up in thine eternal treasures, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who so inspired the heart of thy servant Joshua that he builded up stones as a memorial of thy tender mercies unto Israel for ever; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, that these memorials which we now dedicate may be enduring witnesses before all thy people of the faithful service of — ———. And grant that our lives being consecrated unto thy service, may with thy faithful ones be fitly framed together into that building which groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. And this we ask, O Father, for the sake of him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *And before the Lesson and the Prayers of Dedication, in each case the Minister may, at his discretion, pronounce the Dedication as followeth:*

FORASMUCH as Almighty God did mercifully accept the purpose of his servants David and Solomon to build his Temple at Jerusalem, and hath been graciously pleased, in all succeeding ages, to receive the gifts of those who have willingly offered of their substance, and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours in setting apart this ———— to his service and glory.

We therefore, in behalf of this Parish, accept the offering, and dedicate this ———— in memory of ————, and to the honour and glory of the Holy and Eternal Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

FOR A FONT.

¶ *The Minister, standing by the font, shall read the Lesson.*

JESUS came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *Matt.* xxviii. 18-20.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God, whose most dearly beloved son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples that they should go teach all nations and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplication of thy congregation; and grant that all those who shall at any time receive at this Font the mystical washing away of sin, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whom all things earthly have been devoted for thy glory and the benefit of thy holy Church; Mercifully grant that this Font which we now set apart in loving memory, may be separated from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common purposes; may be enshrined in the

affections of thy people as sacred and holy, and from henceforth be consecrated to thy glory and the blessing of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR AN ALTAR.

¶ *The Minister, standing before the Altar, shall read the Lesson.*

WE have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Hebrews* xiii. 10, 15, 16.

THE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread. 1 *Cor.* x. 16.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O HOLY God, merciful Father, who didst accept the offering of Abel, and the willing sacrifice of Abraham, who didst command thy servant Moses to institute sacrifices as shadows of the one of thy Blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the eternal Priest after the order of Melchisedech; Bless, we beseech thee, this Altar for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries wherein is shewn forth the perpetual memorial of the one most blessed sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who once for all suffered for the sins of the whole

world, and now ever liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that those who shall receive in this place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ may come to that holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, with lively faith and with perfect charity; that so eating the Body of Christ, and drinking his Blood, and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, they may to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of his Passion; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to accept the gifts of thy people for the beautifying of this sanctuary, offered in grateful remembrance of the ministry in this place of thy servant ———. Grant that as thy blessed angels worship before thy throne, and speed forth to carry out thy will in active ministry, so here a true and acceptable worship may continually be offered, and strength be gained for loving service in the world; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction of Altar Vessels.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy servant Moses didst command costly vessels to be made for the service of thy sanctuary; Accept and bless, we pray thee, this (Paten and Chalice) which thy servants offer (in thanksgiving for thy mercies) for use at the altar of this church. Grant that herewith the victorious

sacrifice of thy dear Son may be continually commemorated with reverence and devotion, and that those who receive therefrom the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood may go from strength to strength until at last they appear before thee in thine unveiled presence in the heavenly temple; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A PULPIT.

¶ *The Minister, standing before the Pulpit, shall read the Lesson.*

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. *Isaiah lxi. 1-3.*

(Or else 2 Tim. iv. 1-5.)

O ALMIGHTY God, shew the light of thy countenance upon us, that the going forth of thy Word may give light and understanding to nourish the hearts of the simple; and that while our desire is set upon thy commandments we may receive with open heart the spirit of wisdom and understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BLESS, O Lord, and sanctify, we humbly beseech thee, this pulpit, to be used for thy glory. Send forth faithful laborers into thy harvest, and grant that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant, also, that the people may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of eternal salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR AN ORGAN.

¶ *The Minister, standing in the Choir, shall read the Lesson.*

DAVID spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. And all Israel brought up the ark of the Covenant of the Lord, with shouting and with sound of the cornet and with trumpets and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. 1 *Chron.* xv. 16, 28.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, who didst inspire thy servant David with thy Holy Spirit to sing the songs of Zion, and to play upon the harp; Accept, we beseech thee, at our hands, this Organ; and grant that, when singing thy

praises in the Assembly of the Saints, thy children join their voices to the sacred sounds of the Organ, the spirit of devotion may grow in them; that they may proclaim thy majesty, exult in thy glory, and rejoice in thy mercy, with all the company of Angels in heaven and Saints upon earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, before whose throne in heaven the Saints, standing on the sea of glass, sing the song of Moses and the Lamb; Grant us so to sing thy praises here with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be counted worthy to learn the new song which none can learn save those that shall be redeemed from the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, and one or both of the Prayers following, after which the Minister shall let the People depart with the Blessing.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us out of darkness unto thy marvellous Light; Mercifully accept this our service of loving memory and of gratitude to thee, and graciously receive this ———— which we offer and dedicate to beautify the place of thy sanctuary (in memory of thy servants ————), and in honour of him, the brightness of thy glory, whom thou hast given to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WE do give unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints,

from the beginning of the world, whose example, O Lord, and steadfastness in thy faith, and keeping thy commandments, grant us to follow. We commemorate before thee, O Lord, all other thy servants which are departed hence from us with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace; (*and especially at this time thy servants of whom these gifts are memorials before thee.*) Grant unto them, we beseech thee, thy mercy and everlasting peace; and that, at the day of the general Resurrection we with all those who are of the mystical Body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear his most joyful voice: Come unto me, ye blessed of my Father, and possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayers which may be used in the Office of Benediction as occasion shall require.

For a Reredos.

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the heart of thy servant to place a Memorial Reredos in thy Holy Temple, to thy praise and honour. Let thy blessing be upon him, his family, and his substance and accept his offering. Remember him concerning this, and grant that all they who shall hereafter enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness by using it to the glory of thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Window.

O ETERNAL God, Saviour of thy people, by whose firm will alone the whole wide fabric of the world subsists; Accept, we beseech thee, this window to thy glory, and to the sacred memory of thy servant, now entered into thy clearer presence and higher service. Grant that this monument to thy grace in him may be a continual reminder to us, who are still in our darker pilgrimage, and lift our gaze more and more to that bright realm whither he has gone before; and inspire our hearts and stir our wills to such a devotion to thy service here on earth that we finally attain to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For Chimes.

ALMIGHTY God, who by the mouth of thy servant Moses, didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies; Be pleased to accept the offering of these Bells at our hand; bless, hallow, and sanctify them with thy heavenly benediction, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, they may continually call together thy faithful people, to praise and worship thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever may be called by the sound of these Bells to thine House of Prayer, may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise; and finally may have a portion in the

new song, and among the harpers, harping with their harps in thine house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or any other necessity, be so let and hindered that he cannot come into the house of the Lord, may, at the sound of these Bells, lift up his heart and mind to thee, and have his share in the Communion of thy Saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall hear the sounds of these Bells; may be aroused inwardly in their spirits, and draw nigh unto thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of thine elect, and find grace, light, and everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all they who shall minister to thy service by ringing these Bells may be filled with all reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of thy House, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour in the discharge of their service, and so continue in holiness of life, that they may be counted to stand with them who praise thee evermore in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In case the Benediction is combined with Morning or Evening Prayer, one or more of the following may be selected:*

Proper Psalms:—xv, lxxiv, cxxii, cxlv. For an organ, cl.

Proper Lessons:—Isa. liv. 9-13; *Wis. iii.* 1-9; *John xv.* 1-16; *Col. i.* 9-19.

A FORM FOR THE SETTING APART OF DEACONESSES.

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¶ *All things being in readiness, a Priest shall present to the Bishop sitting in his chair, near to the Holy Table, such as are to be set apart as Deaconesses, saying,*

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you *these women* to be set apart to the office and work of Deaconess.

The Bishop. Declare, we pray you, unto those who are here gathered what the office and work of a Deaconess are.

¶ *Then shall the Priest, addressing the People, say,*

DEARLY beloved, it is written in the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, that while the Lord Jesus was going about through cities and villages, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God, there were women not a few which ministered unto him of their substance. Likewise, after he was crucified (as the same Evangelist hath elsewhere told us), the women which came with him from Galilee were emboldened to follow after them that carried his body to the burial, and to prepare spices and ointments. Also that it is agreeable to the mind of Christ that women should do him service by offices of loving-kindness, we gather from St. Paul, who saith to the Philippians, Help those women which laboured with me in the Gospel. And who also commendeth unto the Romans one Phebe, a Deaconess of the church which was at Cenchrea.

Touching the duty of women set apart to this office and ministry, the Canons of the Church affirm that it is to assist the Minister in the care of the poor and sick, in the relig-

ious training of the young and others, and in the work of moral reformation. That they may be duly appointed to such service, have these women come hither.

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say as followeth:*

BELOVED, we have good confidence that they who are now presented to be set apart to the office of Deaconess are competent thereto, for it hath been so certified unto us, as the Canons require, by them whose word we trust. Nevertheless, if there be any who can allege aught on account of which it is inexpedient that these persons be so set apart, let protest be now made openly and before all men.

¶ *If no good reason be alleged by any why the service should not proceed, then shall the Bishop say,*

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

Answer. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Bishop shall say,*

Unto thee lift we up our eyes;

Answer. O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Bishop. As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,

Answer. And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

Bishop. Even so our eyes wait upon thee, O Lord,

Answer. Until thou have mercy upon us.

Bishop. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Have mercy upon us.

Bishop. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us;

Answer. As our trust is in thee.

Bishop. Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of man and woman; who didst anoint with the Spirit, Miriam and Deborah and Anna and Huldah; who didst not disdain that thine only begotten Son should be born of a woman; who, also, in the tabernacle of the testimony and in the temple, didst ordain women to be keepers of thy holy gates; Look mercifully, we beseech thee, upon these thy servants, about to be set apart to the office and work of Deaconess. Protect them in the way wherein they go, and grant that in singleness of purpose and with a willing mind they may worthily accomplish the task committed to them, to thy glory and to the praise of thy Christ, to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be glory and worship for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall he add,*

O magnify the Lord with me.
Answer. And let us exalt his name together.

¶ *Then, all standing up, shall be said,*

We will praise thy name, O God, with a song.
Answer. And magnify it with thanksgiving.
Bishop. O give thanks unto the God of Heaven.
Answer. For his mercy endureth for ever.
Bishop. O give thanks unto the Lord of Lords.
Answer. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the Hymn called Magnificat, as followeth:*

Magnificat. St. Luke i. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Bishop ask of them the three following questions, to which each candidate shall answer for herself:*

The Bishop. Have you well considered in your own mind your purpose to serve God in this office and ministry?

Answer. I have so considered it.

The Bishop. Will you endeavour, so long as you shall hold this office, faithfully to fulfil the duties of the same without fickleness or waywardness?

Answer. I will.

The Bishop. Will you diligently ask of God the grace to enable you to cling to this endeavour, and to make this purpose good?

Answer. I will.

¶ *Then the Bishop, laying his hands severally upon the head of every one of them kneeling before him shall say,*

TAKE thou authority to exercise the office of Deaconess in the Church of God, whereunto thou art now set apart.

BLESSED be thou of the Lord, my daughter. The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. *Amen.*

The Bishop. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Bishop shall say these Prayers following:*

For the Deaconessess Newly Set Apart.

O GOD, who, in thy Holy Word, dost commend above all goodly apparel the ornament of a quiet spirit; Adorn, we beseech thee, these thy servants, with the meekness and the gentleness of Christ. Preserve them alike from faithless fears and from unreasonable desires, that with a steadfast heart and settled purpose they may run the way of thy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Such as Are in Need and Necessity.

O GOD, Almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful into joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Especially we beseech thee to remember in pity such as are destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-men. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose penury tempteth them to sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from

despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Final Blessedness.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy; Bow thine ear, we beseech thee, to our supplications, and in the heavenly city cause us to be united with thy faithful servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Rom. xv. 13.

THE God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A FORM FOR THE ADMISSION OF LAY READERS.

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¶ *At the appointed time each person to be admitted to the Office of Reader, shall be presented unto the Bishop by a Priest appointed by him, with these words:*

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you this person to be admitted to the Office of Lay Reader in this Diocese.

¶ *Then those who are to be admitted or licensed kneeling before the Bishop, he shall stand up and say:*

ALMIGHTY and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Look down, we beseech, on this thy servant who is now to receive authority from us for his work in thy Church. Pour upon him the abundance of thy grace; make him modest and humble in his ministrations, ready to obey those set over him in the Lord, diligent to prove and fashion his own life, and the lives of his family, according to thy blessed Word. Grant unto him to grow in the knowledge and love of thy Word, that he may minister to the salvation of souls, to the edification of thy Church, and to thy glory of thy Holy Name; so that finally he may have his portion with those who have faithfully ministered thy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Bishop shall say unto them as followeth:*

DEARLY beloved, who are to be admitted as Readers in the House of our God, we call upon you to know the holiness of that office, and to fulfil it with all reverence and godly fear. For our God is a mighty God, who will pour down upon you his grace that ye may go on to perfection.

And as ye are set in an high place in the Church, that your voice may be heard of all men, so ought ye to study to hold an high place likewise in all godly conversation, that ye may be models of holy living; to the attaining of which may God bestow upon you his heavenly grace.

¶ *Then shall the Bishop cause the License to be read. After which he shall deliver to each one his License, saying:*

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon thee, and upon thy work done in His Name.

The Lord give thee wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do His will now and for evermore. Amen.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, and an Address be given on the Office and Duty of a Lay Reader.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say:*

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

O LORD God, Holy Father, vouchsafe to bless these Thy servants in their office of Lay Readers that they may be diligent in reading to Thy people, and may in their lives so set forth the beauty of the things they read that they may be for examples of holiness in Thy Church. Keep them by Thy grace in purity of life; through our Lord Jesus Christ who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop bless those present, saying:*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

A FORM FOR THE ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS.

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¶ *Psalm xv may be sung.*

¶ *The Minister shall stand in the Chancel, without the rail; the Choir-master, vested, shall present to him the Candidates, decently habited in their cassocks, and say these words:*

Choir-master. Reverend Sir, I present unto you these persons present to be admitted Choristers of this Church.

Minister. Take heed that the persons whom you present to us are apt and meet, by their purity of life, good behaviour, and knowledge of music, to exercise this office to the honour of God and the edifying of the Church.

Choir-master. I have inquired of them and also examined them, and think them so to be.

¶ *Then the Minister, addressing the Candidates, shall say,*

Minister. Do you desire to become a member of this Choir?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Do you promise obedience to its rules and officers?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Will you endeavour always to behave reverently in the House of God?

Answer. I will, with the help of God.

Minister. Will you strive that your life may be in accordance with this high office?

Answer. I will so strive, the Lord being my helper.

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
Answer. Henceforth, world without end.
Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

Our Father, etc.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to come into thy presence and to minister before thee, yet we beseech thee of thy great goodness to accept the dedication of ourselves to thy service. Receive our prayers and intercessions in behalf of these who are to offer the sacrifice of praise to thee in this house, which is called by thy Name. Give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of thy divine majesty and a deep sense of their own unworthiness, that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung* Psalm lxxxiv.

¶ *Then shall the Minister go within the rail, and the Candidates, being vested by the Choir-master with their cottas, shall kneel at the rail, and the Minister, calling each by name, shall say,*

N. OR M. I admit thee into the choir of ———— Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

What thou singest with thy mouth, believe in thy heart: and what thou believest in thy heart, practise in thy life. And may our Heavenly Father give thee grace to sing his praise and to live to his glory, both in this world and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall conclude with these Collects and the Benediction:*

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast perfected praise, pour thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon these thy servants, who have now been admitted into this holy office, and so strengthen them by thy grace, that their praises may always be acceptable in thy sight. Keep them, O Lord, from all wandering thoughts, from irreverence, from forgetfulness of thy presence, and may they, by the purity of their lives and constancy of their faith, glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CLEANSE us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, shall stand before thy throne and serve thee day and night in the heavenly Temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

A FORM OF ADMISSION INTO THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

. . . .

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, etc.

V. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren.
R. In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
V. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
R. O prosper thou our handiwork.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To the Candidate.

Do you desire to become a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?
Answer. I do.
You are then persuaded that, according to the promise and vow made at your Baptism, you are pledged to service in the Name of Jesus Christ until your life's end; and you are ready both to pray each day for the spread of his kingdom among young men and to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least

one man within the hearing of the Gospel. Will you, then, so far as you are able, faithfully observe these rules of prayer and service, so long as you shall remain a member of this Brotherhood?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

ALMIGHTY God, who hath given you this will to do these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I RECEIVE and admit you (N.) into the fellowship of this Brotherhood, and to share in all its privileges and duties. May you have grace to copy the example of the blessed saint whose name we bear, in bringing many of your brethren to the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
R. But unto thy Name give the praise.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

V. O Lord, save thy servants.
R. Who put their trust in thee.
V. Send us help from thy holy place.
R. And strengthen us out of Zion.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy Holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Bless this thy servant whom we have now received, in thy holy Name, to the companionship of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and grant that by thy grace he may lead a godly life in thy Church, and, labouring for the extension of thy kingdom, may finally inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A FORM OF ADMISSION INTO THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

. . . .

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy holy spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To the Candidate.

Do you desire to become a member of the Junior Department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?

Answer. I do.

You are then persuaded that, according to the promise and vow made at your Baptism, you are pledged to service in the Name of Jesus Christ until your life's end; and you are ready to pray each day for the spread of his Kingdom among boys, to take some part in the work, worship, and study of the Church, and to try each week to bring other boys to do the same. Will you then so far as you are able, faithfully observe these rules, so long as you shall remain a member of this Order?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

ALMIGHTY God, who hath given you this will to do these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I RECEIVE and admit you (N.) into the fellowship of this Order, and to a share in all its privileges and duties. May you have grace to copy the example of the blessed Saint whose name we bear, in bringing many of your brethren to the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;
R. But unto thy Name give the praise.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle, St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy Holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

¶ *To be used only when this Service is said by a Clergyman.*

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great

Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A FORM OF ADMISSION INTO THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

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¶ *At the time appointed those to be admitted shall stand in order before the Chaplain of the Branch, the Secretary or appointed Officer standing at their right.*

¶ *The Chaplain shall say,*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way.

R. And walk in the law of the Lord.

V. Bear ye one another's burdens.

R. And so fulfil the law of Christ.

V. O God make speed to save us.

R. O Lord make haste to help us.

¶ *The Secretary shall then say,*

Reverend Chaplain, I present to you these persons to be admitted Members [Associates] of the Girls' Friendly Society.

¶ *The Chaplain shall then say,*

The Girls' Friendly Society is founded upon the idea of Christian sisterhood. It is a vast Society within whose limits its every member has a right to look for kindness, sympathy, and help from every other member. It binds all together in cords of love. That this its ideal may be realized, and that it may be a blessing, it must impose duties as well as confer privileges. It must lay down rules to which its members must agree to conform. It is meet therefore, that you who are now seeking ad-

mission to its ranks as Members [and as Associates] should make the following promises:

Do you wish to become a Member [an Associate] of the Girls' Friendly Society?

Answer. I do.

Chaplain. Will you strive after personal purity in thought, word and deed?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Chaplain. Remembering the motto of this Society, "Bear ye one another's burdens," will you show yourselves kind and friendly to others, and especially to those belonging to this Society?

Answer. I will.

Chaplain. Will you try, by your own truthfulness, honesty and good conduct, at the meetings, at work and in your own daily life, to uphold the name and guard the character of this Society?

Answer. I will, by the grace of God.

[¶ *Associates shall answer the following question, in addition to those above:*

Chaplain. Will you be faithful in season and out of season, letting nothing but sickness or stern necessity keep you from the performance of your obligations to the Society?

Answer. I will by God's help.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESS, O Lord we beseech thee, these Badges and grant to those who wear them the blessed portion of the pure in heart, that they may attain unto the vision of God. Amen.

This prayer may be omitted.

¶ *Then shall the Chaplain say to each one to be admitted,*

N. OR M. I admit you into the fellowship of the Girls' Friendly Society and to a share in all its privileges and duties; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Receive and wear this Badge, and see that what you have promised with your lips, you perform in your life to the glory of God.

¶ *Those admitted shall then kneel, the others present standing, and the Chaplain shall say,*

WE beseech thee, O God, to hear our prayers for these thy servants; endue them with true faith, a holy hope and fervent charity, and grant that they may so persevere in what they have now undertaken that they may be pleasing to thee in all their ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The G. F. S. Prayer to be said by all together.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, we beseech thee to bless us and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. May its Members be sheltered and protected evermore by thy Fatherly love; and to its Associates vouchsafe the help and guidance of thy Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves but for others, as members of one family in Christ; wash us from our sins in His precious blood; make us holy by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, and bring

us all at last to the joy of thy Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Chaplain bless those admitted*:

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

A FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING.

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¶ *The Candidates being at the appointed place, the Chaplain (or Rector) shall say,*

Dearly beloved, we are assembled here in the sight of God, to admit these his children into the Order of the Daughters of the King; we commend them to your earnest prayers that they may perform and keep all the obligations of the Order as long as they shall remain members thereof, that so their labours may bring forth all manner of good to the glory of God and the welfare of men.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

O Lord, save thy servants.

R. And keep them ever steadfast in thy holy faith and fear.

V. O God, our Father and our King, vouchsafe to these, thy servants, such a measure of thy heavenly grace that they may be mindful always whose children they are, and daily increase in thy wisdom and godly work until they come to the glories of thy Kingdom in the heavens, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, etc.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

DOST thou promise, as far as thou shalt be able, faithfully to obey the two rules of this Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule

of Service; to offer at all times such loyal aid to the Rector (or Minister in charge) of thy parish, as thou shalt be able, and as he may deem necessary to the furtherance of the cause of Christ; and agree to wear the badge of the Order, and to spread its principles as God shall give thee opportunity?

A. I do.

¶ *Taking each by the right hand, the Rector shall first receive the Candidate, and then invest her with the Badge of the Order.*

¶ *And when he receives her, he shall say,*

I RECEIVE thee and admit thee into Membership in the Order of the Daughters of the King, and to a share in its privileges and duties. Mayest thou have grace ever faithfully to remember that, as a Daughter of the Heavenly King, thou hast been sent upon thy mission here to lead thy sisters to thy Father's home above.

¶ *And when he invests her with the cross, he shall say,*

BEAR well this cross with great-souled faith; and know that always, as it sheds the rays of light abroad, it witnesses to thy assent to Jesus' solemn words — that thou hast, indeed, taken up thy cross to follow after him.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

R. O Lord, save thy servants.
A. Who put their trust in thee.
Our Father, etc.

Prayer for the Order.

O ETERNAL Father, who hast sent us thy Son to teach us things pertaining to thy Heavenly Kingdom; Give thy blessing, we beseech thee, to this Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Vouchsafe that these, thy Daughters, ever may discern thy sacred truth, and bear, with sturdy mind, the cross, thy kingly emblem, through the battles of their earthly life; give them strength to overcome, and grace that they may strive to spread thy Kingdom and to gather thy dispersed sheep within thy fold. Pour out upon them the sevenfold gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that they may never forget that it is thy work which they are called upon to do, that they may think nothing, do nothing, and say nothing which may injure themselves, their neighbours, or thy holy work, and that amid all temptations they may be ready always to forget self in obeying thy most blessed will, and finally, upon them, faithful unto death, bestow thy crown of everlasting life. We ask it all for his sake, for whom we work, who died for us, who lives and intercedes for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who hast purchased to thyself a universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Grant thy Holy Spirit to all who are engaged in any work or administration in the same. Especially we pray that thou wilt give thy peace to this thy parish of ———, and sanctify the mission of thy Daughters for the spread of thy Kingdom within its borders. For his sake. *Amen.*

¶ *The Gloria in Excelsis or the 586th Hymn may then be sung, at the option of the Chaplain or Rector officiating.*

A FORM OF ADMISSION INTO THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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¶ *The Chaplain (those to be admitted standing before him) shall read from the Manual the Rule of Life for Members.*

¶ *Which done, he shall say,*

WELL beloved, who have come hither desiring to be received as members of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, you know in what spirit of devotion to our loving Master and with what sympathy for all his suffering disciples you should engage in this service. You have heard by what Rule of Life you are to be guided as members of this Guild. Will you cultivate this devotion and sympathy, and endeavour to keep this Rule of Life, so long as you continue members of this Guild?

Answer. I will so do, God being my Helper.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Chaplain shall say,*

Let us pray.

GIVE ear, O Heavenly Father, to our prayers, and vouchsafe to bless these, thy servants, who desire to serve thee as members of the Guild of St. Barnabas. Make them humble, constant, and faithful in their ministrations to thy children. Mortify in them whatever is displeasing to thee; illuminate their souls with thy most pure and divine light, that they may clearly know thee, ardently love thee, and finally attain to everlasting rest and peace in thee; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, taking each one by the right hand, he shall say,*

I RECEIVE and admit thee as a Member of the Guild of St. Barnabas; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, delivering the Medal to each one, he shall say,*

RECEIVE this Medal of the Guild of St. Barnabas, and continually wear it as a memorial of thy promise to serve faithfully in the Company of the Son of Consolation. Blessed are the merciful.

¶ *When all have received their Medals, he shall bless them, saying,*

GRACE, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be with you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECEPTION OF ASSOCIATES.

¶ *The Chaplain (those to be admitted standing before him) shall read from the Manual the Associates' Rule of Life.*

¶ *Then he shall say,*

WELL beloved, you have come hither desiring to be received as Associates of the Guild of St. Barnabas. It is the duty of the Associates to attend to the business of the Guild, to call upon and welcome new Members, to visit any who are sick or living alone, and to co-operate in any work that may be planned for the interest of the Guild and its Members. You have also the Rule of Life by which

Associates are to be governed. Will you endeavour to fulfil these duties, and to observe the Rule of Life, so long as you continue Associates of the Guild?

Answer. I will so do, God being my Helper.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Chaplain shall say,*

Let us pray.

VOUCHSAFE thy blessing, O Lord, we pray thee, to these thy servants, who desire to serve thee as Associates of the Guild of St. Barnabas. Grant them by thy grace growth in the knowledge and love of thee, devotion to thy service, the spirit of loving sympathy, and in the end everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Taking each by the right hand, he shall say,*

I RECEIVE thee as an Associate of the Guild of St. Barnabas; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Delivering to each the Medal, he shall say,*

RECEIVE this Medal of the Guild of St. Barnabas, and continually wear it as a memorial of thy promise to be a fellow-helper in the company of the Son of Consolation. Blessed are the merciful.

¶ *Then he shall bless them, saying,*

GRACE, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be with you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *This Office shall suffice, mutatis mutandis, for the Reception of Priests-Associate and Medical Associates.*

¶ *In the Reception of Priests-Associate, instead of the Exhortation, shall be read from the Constitution, Article iii, Sect.* 5, *paragraphs* 1 *and* 2; *and the question shall be as follows:*

WILL you endeavour to fulfil these duties as long as you continue Priests-Associate of the Guild?

¶ *The Collect for St. Peter's Day shall be used before the Blessing.*

¶ *In the Reception of Medical Associates, instead of the Exhortation, shall be read from the Constitution, Article iii. Sect.* 4; *and the question shall be as follows:*

WILL you do what in you lieth to further the interests of the Guild?

¶ *The Collect for St. Luke's Day shall be used before the Blessing.*

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ADVENT.

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Minister. **Seek ye the Lord while he may be found.**

R. *Call ye upon him while he is near.*

V. Let the wicked forsake his way.

R. *And the unrighteous man his thoughts.*

V. Let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him.

R. *And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

V. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

R. *Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

Minister. **Let us pray.**

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say the* ADVENT COLLECT, *and, after that, both Minister and People shall together say the* LORD'S PRAYER.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.

R. *For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

R. *And all that is within me, praise his holy Name.*

V. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

R. *And forget not all his benefits.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Psalm, as followeth:*

Psalm xxiv. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* LESSON; *and at the end thereof the Reader shall say,* HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

¶ *Then shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No. 42, O Quickly Come; 45, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; 47, Hark! the Glad Sound; 44, On Jordan's Bank.*

Minister. Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense.

R. *And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.*

V. I will lay me down in peace and take my rest.

R. *For it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.*

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say these Prayers following:*

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall

come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, standing up, shall say the* PROMISES TO THE CHURCHES, *and the Choir and People, still kneeling, shall sing the Antiphon.*

Minister. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And I will give him the morning star.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Minister. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Ant. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, kneeling down, shall say,*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No.* 357, *O Jesu, Thou Art Standing;* 331, *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* SERMON *or* ADDRESS; *and after that this* HYMN:

ALMIGHTY Father, bless the word
Which through thy grace we now have heard;
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* COLLECTION.

¶ *And when the Alms are presented, shall this be said or sung:*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 32, *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise; or* 645, *The Day is Past and Gone; or* 11, *Sun of My Soul; or* 12, *Abide With Me.*

¶ *Then shall prayer be said by the Minister, and, after that, he shall let them depart with a blessing.*

EPIPHANY.

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Minister. **Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

R. *And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.*

V. The path of the just is as the shining light.

R. *That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

V. While ye have light, believe in the light.

R. *That ye may be the children of the light.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

Minister. **Let us pray.**

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say the* EPIPHANY COLLECT, *and, after that, both Minister and People shall together say the Lord's Prayer.*

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Arise, shine; for thy light is come.

R. *And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion.

R. *Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem.*

V. The sun shall be no more thy light by day.

R. *Neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee.*

V. But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light.

R. *And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Psalm, as followeth.:*

Psalm xcvii. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* LESSON.

¶ *Then shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No. 487, Rise, Crowned with Light; 521, Thro' the Night of Doubt and Sorrow; 323, Hail to the Lord's Anointed; 66, Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning.*

Minister. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts.

R. *Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

V. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

R. *O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the* CREED, *as followeth:*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born

of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense.

R. *And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.*

V. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest.

R. *For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say these Prayers following:*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, standing up, shall say the* BEATITUDES OF THE GOSPEL, *and the Choir and People, still kneeling, shall sing the Antiphon.*

Minister. **Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Ant. Amen. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Minister. Hear also what the voice from heaven saith: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Ant. Even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

¶ *Then the Minister, kneeling down, shall say,*

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistering; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one community and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prèpared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No. 284, O Word of God Incarnate; 622, My Hope is Built on Nothing Less.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* EXHORTATION *from the pulpit, and after that this Hymn:*

I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* COLLECTION.

¶ *And, when the Alms are presented, shall this be said or sung:*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No. 9, Holy Father, Cheer Our Way.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister let them depart with a Blessing.*

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Minister. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him.

R. *The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.*

V. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

R. *But was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

V. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.

R. *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

V. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace.

R. *That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy Spirit.*

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister and the People shall together say this* CONFESSION, *and, after that, the* LORD'S PRAYER.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, And hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, Acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who uesirest not the death of a sinner, Look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, And forgive us all our transgressions.. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; And work in us an hearty contrition; That we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, Who art ever

ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Thou that takest away the sins of the world;
R. *Have mercy upon us.*
V. Thou that takest away the sins of the world;
R. *Receive our prayer.*

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

V. O sing unto the Lord a new song.
R. *Let the congregation of saints praise him.*
V. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him.
R. *And let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Psalm, as followeth:*

Psalm xxvii. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted: but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: be strong and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No.* 81, *Christian, Dost Thou See Them;* 340, *In the Hour of Trial;* 341, *Jesus, My Saviour, Look on Me;* 342, *Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the* CREED, *as followeth:*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts.

R. *Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

V. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

R. *O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.*

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say these Prayers following:*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the* LITANY OF PENITENCE, *the Minister and People still kneeling.*

LITANY OF PENITENCE.

FATHER, hear thy children's call:
Humbly at thy feet we fall,
Prodigals, confessing all:

All.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Love, that caused us first to be,
Love, that bled upon the tree,
Love, that draws us lovingly:

All.

We beseech thee, hear us.

We thy call have disobeyed,
Into paths of sin have strayed,
And repentance have delayed:

All.

We beseech thee, hear us.

By the love that longs to bless,
Pitying our sore distress,
Leading us to holiness:

All.

We beseech thee, hear us.

By the love so calm and strong,
Patient still to suffer wrong
And our day of grace prolong,

All.

We beseech thee, hear us.

By the love that bids thee spare,
By the heaven thou dost prepare,
By thy promises to prayer,

All.

We beseech thee, hear us. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say these Prayers following:*

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the* NOTICES, *if there be any, be given, and after that shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No.* 430, *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts;* 433, *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* EXHORTATION *from the pulpit.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* COLLECTION.

¶ *And when the Alms are presented, shall this be said and sung,*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

¶ *Then shall be sung Hymn No.* 17, *Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister let them depart with a Blessing.*

EASTER AND ASCENSION.

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Minister. **Now is Christ risen from the dead.**
R. *And become the firstfruits of them that slept.*
V. For since by man came death.
R. *By man came also the resurrection of the dead.*
V. For in that he died, he died unto sin once.
R. *But in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*
V. If ye then be risen with Christ.
R. *Seek those things which are above.*
V. The Lord be with you.
R. *And with thy Spirit.*
Minister. **Let us pray.**

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say the* EASTER *or the* ASCENSION COLLECT, *and, after that, both Minister and People shall together say the* LORD'S PRAYER.

The Collects.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross; and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; So we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. We will praise thy Name, O God, with a song.
R. *And magnify it with thanksgiving.*

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

V. O praise God in his holiness.
R. *Praise him in the firmament of his power.*
V. Praise him in his noble acts.
R. *Praise him according to his excellent greatness.*
V. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God.
R. *O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.*
V. For God is the King of all the earth.
R. *Sing ye praises with understanding.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Psalm, as followeth:*

Psalm cxlviii. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth: ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours: wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* LESSON; *and, after that, shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No.* 122, *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now;* 374, *Crown Him with Many Crowns;* 366, *To Him Who for Our Sins was Slain;* 373, *Thou Art Gone Up On High.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Creed, as followeth:*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born

of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing,*

V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

R. *Like as we do put our trust in thee.*

Minister. Let us pray.

V. The Lord bless us, and keep us.

R. *The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.*

V. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us.

R. *And give us peace, both now and ever more.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, standing up, shall rehearse the* HEAVENLY PROMISES, *and the Choir and People, still kneeling, shall sing the Antiphon.*

Minister. I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Minister. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Minister. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Minister. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the

kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Minister. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Minister. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Ant. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

¶ *Then the Minister, kneeling down, shall say,*

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the* NOTICES, *if there be any, be given, and after that shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, No.* 180, *Who Are These in Bright Array;* 387, *Round the Lord in Glory Seated.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* EXHORTATION *from the pulpit.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* COLLECTION.

¶ *And when the Alms are presented, shall this be said or sung.*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

¶ *Then shall the Minister let them depart with a Blessing.*

TRINITY.

. . . .

Minister. Blessed art thou, O Lord God, of our fathers:

R. And to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

V. And blessed is thy glorious and holy Name:

R. And to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

V. Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory:

R. And to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubim:

R. And to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

V. Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom:

R. And to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven:

R. And above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall say these Collects, and after that, both Minister and People shall together say the Lord's Prayer,*

The Collects.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart, and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

R. And worthy to be praised, and glorious for ever.

¶ *Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost;

R. Let us praise and exalt him forever.
V. The almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.
R. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Psalm following:*

Psalm ciii.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He showed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children.

Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or else,

Psalm xli.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet..

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the Lesson; and after that shall be sung one or other of these Hymns, Nos.* 383, 671, 387, 465 474, *or* 33 (*Mission Hymnal*).

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing,*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
R. Henceforth and for evermore.
V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Lord bless us and keep us.
R. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.
V. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us,
R. And give us peace, both now and evermore.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say either Section A or B, as followeth, and the Choir and People shall say or sing the Response.*

[A] MOST Holy and Most Merciful God, the Strength of the weak, the Rest of the weary, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Sa-

viour of the sinful, and the Refuge of thy children in every time of need; Hear us while we pray for thy help in all the circumstances and experiences of our life: When our hearts are growing cold and dead, and we are losing our vision of thy face, and living as if life had no spiritual reality:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the evil memories of the past trouble us, and we mourn over early dreams and hopes unrealized, over light within us turned to darkness, and strength to weakness:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are tempted to mean and wicked ways, and sin puts on the allurements which make it less sinful in our sight:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are called to difficult duty, to work in loneliness among men, and to bear burdens that are hard to be borne:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are weary of our work and think it fruitless, and duty is painful because it seems unprofitable:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the unknown future troubles us, and amid our fears and anxieties we forget the Eternal Love and Care:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the last darkness closes about our life, and heart and flesh faint and fail, and vain is the help of man:

People. Help us, O God.

¶ *Then the Minister shall add,*

O GOD, Almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou

hast made. Especially we beseech thee to remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellowmen. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down, mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose penury tempteth them to sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed, though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him, who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WATCH Thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep to-night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend thy sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest thy weary ones. Bless thy dying ones. Soothe thy suffering ones. Pity thine afflicted ones. Shield thy joyous ones. And all, for thy Love's sake. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Or else he shall say this alternative.*

[B] ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest all and forgettest none, we bring to thee our supplications for all thy children.

For all whom we love and for whom we watch and care:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, restored us with

their sympathy and help, and whose charity has covered a multitude of our sins:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who have wished or done us ill, that thou wouldst turn their hearts to penitence and ours to pity and blessing:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all prisoners and captives, and all women and children suffering from oppression, that thou wilt manifest thy mercy towards them, and make the heart of man merciful as thine own:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all on whom thou hast laid the cross of suffering, the sick in body or in mind:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are visited by worldly loss, that in the dark and cloudy day they may find the peace of God:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brethren, and know the sacred and blessed fellowship of the Cross:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that renunciation may bring strength, and sacrifice, joy; and that they may have thy grace, who seest in secret, and come at last to an open reward:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life, and over-shadowed with doubt, that light may arise in their darkness:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are tried by passionate temptations, or mean suggestions, that thy mercy may be their salvation:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joys, that they may know God as their Friend and Comforter:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For the infirm and aged, and all who are growing weary with the journey of life, and for all who are passing through the valley of death, that they may find comfort and strength in God, and light at evening time:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all forgotten by us, but dear to thee:

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

O God our Father, have regard to our intercessions, answer them according to thy will, and make us the channels of thine infinite pity and helpfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Notices be given, and after that shall be sung one of these Hymns*: *Nos.* 432, 342, 660, 421, 12, 11.

¶ *Then shall follow the Address from the pulpit, and after that, the Alms shall be received. And while the Alms are being collected there may be sung one of these Hymns*: *Nos.* 16, 398, 442, 385, 412, 402.

¶ *Then shall Prayer be said by the Minister and, after that, he shall let them depart with a blessing.*

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